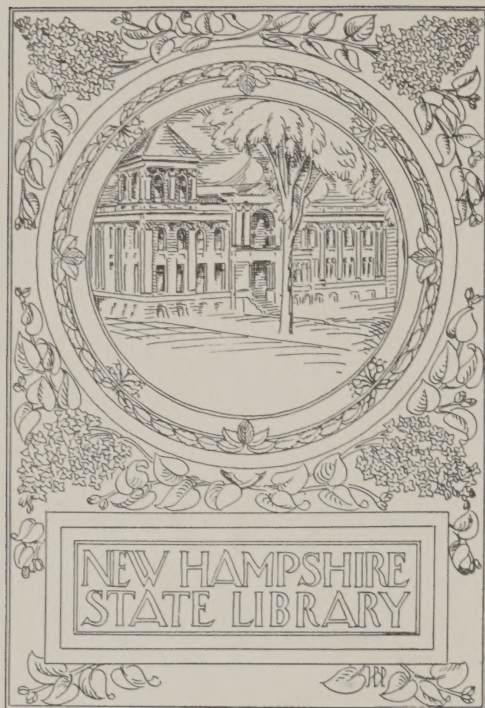


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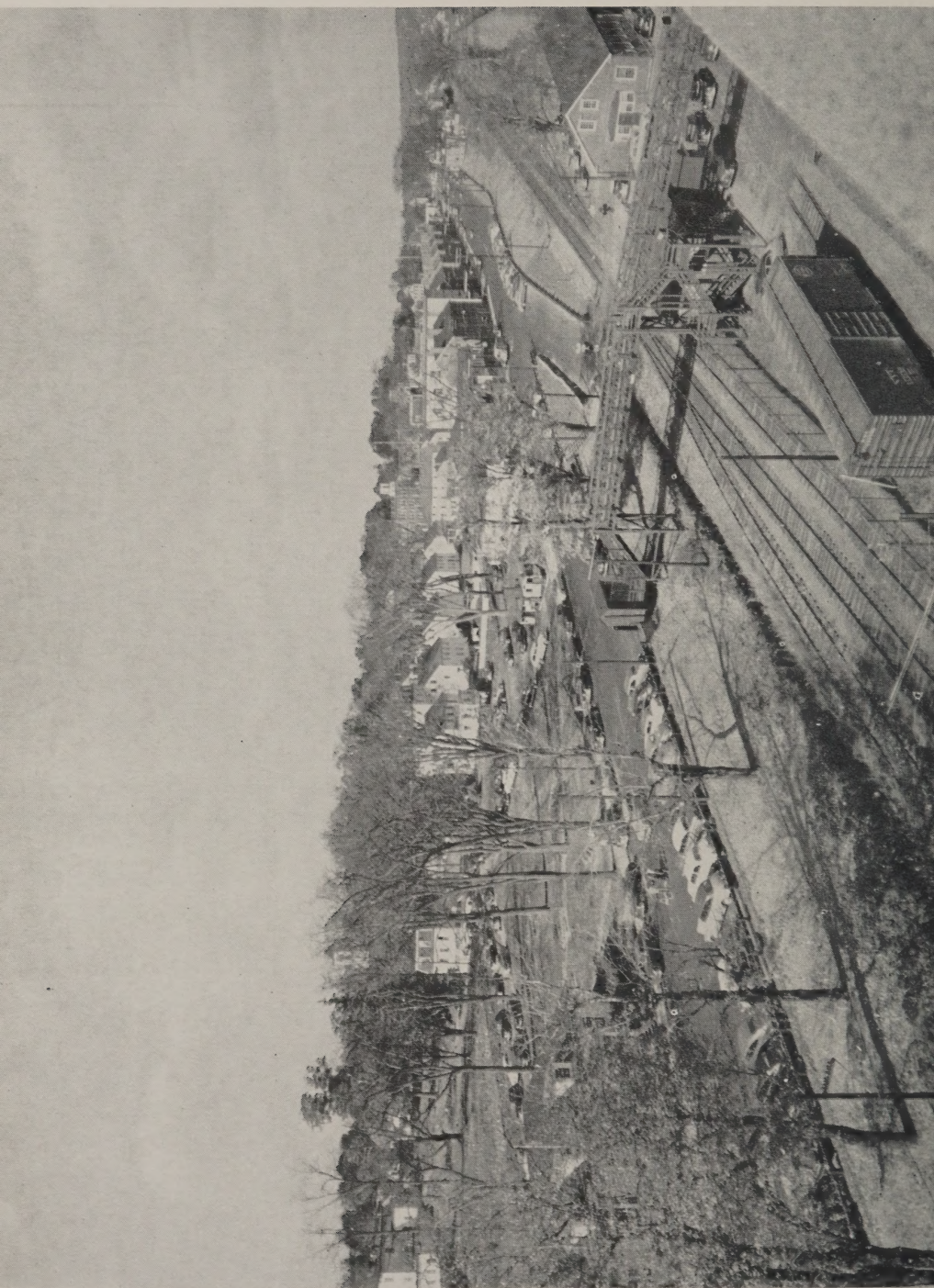


THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL REPORT



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Foreword

This report is published to inform the people of Somersworth of the functions of their municipal government. It also provides documentary evidence concerning the stewardship of its officials.

While detailed data in considerable volume has been eliminated from the various departmental reports, the facts are on file at the office of the city clerk and citizens are welcome at all times to view the records.

In brief, the report contains an analysis of activities and expenditures of the various departments for the fiscal year.



MAYOR ROMEO ST. LAURENT



Members of the City Council for 1952-1953 are, in front, left to right: Ludrope Camire, Mayor Romeo St. Laurent, Napoleon Berube, Simeon Rainville. Back row: Roy Gardner, William Vigneault, Louis Chasse, Bernard McCabe, Joseph Aubert, Oscar Lemay, Alfred Perusse, Norman Fournier.

Inaugural Address

Gentlemen:

We meet, this morning, for the express purpose of taking the oath of office as members of the Governing Body of our City for the next two years. Eight of you gentlemen being veterans of several years' experience in the administration of City affairs, I will not elaborate at any length on the duties of our respective offices nor of what is expected of us. We fully understand that we must, at all times, consider the problems which will be placed before us with sound judgment, with seriousness and with the courage to arrive at decisions which will prove of benefit to the people as a whole.

We will receive, as you know, continuous and countless requests for more and more services from individuals and groups. That is natural—is expected—they should and will be given our considered attention.

It is customary, upon taking the oath of office, for the in-coming Mayor to discuss with you some of the problems facing the City as well as to review some of the accomplishments of the past year or two. However, this morning, I intend to deal mostly with matters pertaining to the immediate future. Accomplishments or results of last year's undertakings will be published shortly in the press and in the annual city report. When I speak of the immediate future, I mean that several conditions have arisen and were brought about, principally, by the growth of the City. These problems require our immediate attention and action if the City is to proceed in a progressive way.

First, because of its far-reaching possibilities I want to talk at some length on the subject of a new school. In the Fall of 1946 we made formal application to the Federal Government for funds for advanced planning of schools. We did this because of the repeated requests from the people that something be done about the condition of the Burleigh School. A committee was chosen representative of the School Board, the City Council and from the citizens-at-large to study the Burleigh School problem as well as the physical needs of the

Chandler and High Schools. Too much credit or thanks cannot be given to this Committee for the many hours spent studying all the possible angles of this tremendous problem.

Meeting after meeting was held. Questions were discussed and argued quietly and intelligently. Questions referring to need; to increased birth rate; to growth of the City; to size; to location; to finances; even to the most suitable time to build. This Committee thoroughly familiar with the problem after all its deliberations and exhaustive study voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council and the School Board that a new High School and auditorium were needed and should be built. Likewise; the School Board, in official session, voted unanimously, in favor of the construction of a new High School building and auditorium. The same unanimous recommendation was received from the Parent-Teachers Association.

From these expressions of opinion and from personal observation of the peoples' ideas on the subject, it is my belief that a very large percentage of the people are in favor of having a new school. This makes this project appear to be small and easy; however, some of us who are in close touch with city affairs do not regard it as so and do not treat it lightly.

I say to you, gentlemen, that for five years I have thought over this problem and regard it as the most difficult one I have been faced with since taking office six years ago.

No one more than I would like to see the City with as low a debt as possible and no one realizes more than I that the building of a new school will place a sizable debt on the City for the next twenty years. I cannot visualize, nor can anyone else, the conditions, industrially and financially speaking which may confront us in the next twenty years. But, I can foresee the danger and hardship for the people should a depression be felt in our City during those years—I have taken all this in consideration as I have spent hours thinking and worrying before deciding on a recommendation relative to this problem. I have tried to think of all possibilities, good and bad, before carefully and finally arriving at a decision firmly convinced that this decision will be for the best interest of the City for many, many years to come.

The building of a new High School and Auditorium would eliminate the Burleigh School built in 1874, with its inadequate

lighting; its high heating cost; its fire hazards and its lack of suitable recreation area plus the fact that the cost of putting it in real serviceable condition could not be justified. The building of a new school would provide more and better facilities for 550 children each year for at least 50 years, as well as relieve over-crowded conditions in the present High School. The added facilities would allow for an expansion of the physical education and musical programs for children of all schools thereby would be a beneficial asset to our present set-up. Moreover the study of the Committee shows*an increase in the birth rate from 96 births yearly from 1935 to 1941 to an average of 146 yearly from 1942 to 1950. This, plus the industrial expansion not only in Somersworth but in nearby communities, points to a definitely higher school population in the immediate years ahead. Therefore, I would be neglecting my duty if I refused to recognize the situation, and take action accordingly. I now submit to you a prudent convinced recommendation that steps be taken immediately for the purchase of land followed by construction of a new High School-Auditorium building.

By law, the School Board will have most of the responsibility as to selection and buying of site, kind of school etc. and you, gentlemen, will have to provide the funds if and when the School Board concurs with my recommendation. Then I hope that you will see fit to face this greatest decision of your city governmental career with the same conviction in your minds that this decision would be in the best interest of the City and would guarantee the progressiveness of our people particularly the providing of educational opportunity for our children comparable at least to other cities in order that they be capable of competing with others as they go through life.

It is my intention to call a meeting of the School Building Committee very soon, at which time you gentlemen and the School Board will be invited, also to all subsequent meetings in order that you may become thoroughly familiar with the reasons for my recommendation, and to keep abreast, from now on, of all discussions on this subject so that you can intelligently and with full knowledge be able to vote when this project reaches you.

With the new school the Committee has recommended an auditorium—I am as strongly in favor of an auditorium as

for the school itself—for—it has been nothing short of shameful for a community of our size, financially capable as we are, to be without a suitable place for community activities. Everyone knows that were it not for our friendly neighbors of Berwick, most of our social functions would have to be cancelled for lack of a hall sizeable enough to provide proper accommodations for social gatherings such as dances, banquets, plays, etc.—events that are expected and indispensable to a happy community life.

A few months ago we agreed to enroll all city employees not now covered by a Retirement System, into the Federal Social Security Program when ever the State Legislature adopted an Enabling Act permitting communities of the State to join Social Security at their option. This Act was passed at the last session of the Legislature and we now may join. Proper forms for filing our intention of joining the System are now in my office and I suggest this be done immediately so that coverage will begin as of today. The law requires that the City contribute $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent and $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent be deducted from the employee—this presents a problem.

It is my opinion that the continued high cost of living will present a hardship to the employees when the City has to deduct $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent of their salary thereby reducing their take-home pay—I don't think this should happen. Therefore, I suggest to you on the basis that the School and Police Depts. through the City have provided their employees with the benefits of the State Retirement System and accordingly the City has paid over a period of years about \$935.00 yearly for its share of the Police Retirement Plan and about \$2450.00 yearly as its share towards the Teachers Retirement Program that a revision in salary is in order for full time employees other than police and School Dept. This is not to be construed as a direct increase in salary but rather as a means of allowing the employees to participate in the benefits without reducing the take-home pay—I recommend that full-time employees only, not now covered by other retirement programs, receive a two-dollar weekly increase in their salaries.

It has come to my attention that some members of the Police Department are ineligible for the benefits of the Police Retirement Plan—if they are eligible to join the Social Security Program with other city employees then they should be in-

cluded also; for I personally believe this program to be the finest social legislation ever passed and all city employees should enjoy its benefits as do people working in industries.

A well-governed community no matter how small cannot afford to get along without good engineering records properly kept by a competent person—the meaning and importance of this statement can only be understood by department heads who through the years have had to repair or construct, either in an emergency or in contemplating improvements, sewers, water mains, roads or sidewalks without and available records of past constructions, without any maps or information whatsoever. We know, of course, that many records are available but for the future protection of both the property owner and the City I propose we inaugurate, in conjunction with zoning regulations a system designed to bring up to date all past existing records of our utilities and to file carefully records of future improvements—the master copies to be stored in the fireproof vault of the Municipal Building—I further recommend as a part of this system that detailed maps of the City be procured for they are a necessity particularly for zoning and, as soon as possible, we should consider the advisability of a file with detailed information of all land and properties within the City.

These proposals will require considerable work and some expense but I believe we should delay no further the undertaking of such a program—these proposals, if accomplished will prove to be a business-like system and of invaluable help for future reference. At the present time there are no regulations of any kind relative to requests for or actual installing of water or sewer services, the building or acceptance of new streets or sidewalks. The continued growth of the City in so-called outlying districts has brought about a demand for extension of services and is getting to be an expense that the City cannot continue to bear alone. Most Cities have regulations whereby the contractor or builder must share the cost with the City under certain conditions—we have not charged a single penny to anyone for extension of sewer, water or sidewalks in Somersworth—I repeat, the City cannot continue to absorb all these costs—it must regulate the construction of these extensions and I hope you gentlemen will realize the seriousness of this situation by giving it your early attention.

I do not propose to offer any specific recommendations for the various departments, rather I will call to your attention, in a general way, projects now under consideration and others to be discussed at future Council Meetings.

The re-construction of Main Street is a project you are well aware of. The detailed planning going on with the supervision of the State and Federal Governments is proceeding slowly but unless unforeseen obstacles arise, the construction should begin in late Spring. As stated before, the road will be widened to 44 or 48 feet from a present width of 32 feet in some places. This construction will greatly help parking conditions on this street. When this project is completed, new parking regulations should be adopted for Main Street and for some of the surrounding side streets to correct a somewhat congested parking condition now existing.

A month ago, the Council authorized the purchase of a new Chevrolet truck for the Highway Department in keeping with the policy of replacing equipment on the basis of a new truck every year. In addition, we should give some consideration to the replacement of the garbage truck which has just about served its purpose. I have not changed my opinion on paying close attention to the up-keep of and purchasing equipment, property and improvements on a conservative basis; or a pay-as-you-go plan.

Awaiting our consideration at the present time is the painting of the Highway Department Garage and the outside of the Theatre Building.

The construction of Sidewalks should be continued as well as the Road-tarring Program, but only after the Council, sitting in committee of a whole, decides where and how much should be done this year.

There are two projects at the Noble Pines Playgrounds requiring attention. That is the surfacing of the tennis courts with a permanent material and replacing the present storage building with a newer and larger one. I am not prepared to say at this moment if funds will be available this summer for these improvements but they are definitely needed and should be done as soon as possible.

The School Board, last summer, approved a long over-due painting project of the Chandler and High Schools along with

a replacement of the present lights by a modern, up-to-date, lighting system—this work to be spread over a few years. I heartily agree to this action as it was badly needed.

This year, the Water Commissioners plan to continue the extension of the Water System on West High Street based, again, on a pay-as-you-go policy. I do not know, at this time, the distance to be extended but this is a continuation of the program adopted last year whereby water extensions would be spread over a period of years.

Gentlemen: The recommendations suggested, if adopted, would have a far-reaching effect in future years in promoting and safeguarding better living conditions while also protecting the home owner—and industries—I believe it to be an ambitious but necessary program if we are to progress and prosper—these suggestions give you some idea of the task ahead of us—in addition to the unexpected problems sure to arise—however, it has been my privilege to work with most of you for several years—the cooperation received has been excellent for which I extend my sincere thanks and on that past experience I know I can assume the same friendliness and help as I face with you what promises to be two very busy years. To you two new members we bid welcome to the City Council—we know your interest in your City will be proven by your attendance at meetings and by your frank, unbiased consideration of all problems. With your help, gentlemen of the Council and with the continued interest of Department heads and employees in their respective duties we can, together, confidently expect two years of conservative, business-like administration of City affairs—we owe this to the people of our community who have placed their faith in us.

With full understanding of the duties and responsibilities of my office, with full realization of endless problems to be expected I now begin the seventh and eighth years of representing the people as its administrative head—I do so with sincere gratefulness—with the help of God I hope to prove worthy of the confidence expressed by the people in returning me to office. For my first official act I wish to extend to all our people, the businesses and industries a prosperous New Year.

City Government

1952

Mayor

Romeo St. Laurent

City Clerk

Napoleon A. Berube

Councilmen

Ward 1

Oscar Lemay
Simeon Rainville

Ward 2

Norman A. Fournier
Louis P. Chasse

Ward 3

Roy L. Gardner
William J. Vigneault

Ward 4

Joseph Aubert
Bernard C. McCabe

Ward 5

Alfred Perusse
Ludrope Camire

City Treasurer

Yvonne D. Turcotte

Collector of Taxes

Joseph F. McKeon

Sanitary Officer

Peter N. Chasse

City Messenger

Albert E. Boisvert

Probation Officer

Frank H. Kinsman

Fence Viewer

Noel C. Chasse

Field Driver

Albert J. Nadeau

Auditors

Margaret C. O'Connell
Hayward C. Logan

Street Commissioner

Joseph Tanguay
Died June 4, 1952
Omer T. DeRoy

City Solicitor

Leo H. Cater

City Physician

W. Edmour Precourt, M. D.

Overseer of the Poor

Omer T. DeRoy
Resigned July 10, 1952
John J. Duffy
Elected July 10, 1952

Plumbing Inspector

Albert A. Tapscott

Board of Health

Omer T. DeRoy,
Resigned July 10, 1952
John J. Duffy
Elected July 10, 1952
Chairman
Peter N. Chasse, Clerk
W. E. Precourt, M. D.

Municipal Court

Clovis I. Desmarais
Judge
Charles L. Ingalls
Clerk, until May 31
Arthur Gilbert
Appointed June 1

Police Commissioners

Charles P. Kinsman, Chair-
man, resigned Aug. 31, 1952
William W. Zabrick
Chairman from Sept. 1
Phil O. Wentwork, Jr., Clerk
Appointed Sept. 1, 1953
Joseph E. Langelier

Police Officers

Charles A. Parsons, Marshal
Emil J. Gauvin, Assistant
Marshal

Patrolmen

William J. Orr
Howard Wooley
Frederick Rodney
Charles J. Boucher
Charles G. Deshaies
Joseph Dreinczyk

Department of Public Instruction

Romeo St. Laurent, Chairman Elizabeth M. Ball, Secretary

Members

Elizabeth M. Ball, Lorenzo T. Ross, Raymond N. Vezeau, Paul
E. Garneau, Paul Bernier
Appointed by the Council—Harold W. Adams, M. D., Rene
Morin, John F. Beamis, Emery L. Whitten, Joseph M.
Downey

Standing Committees for 1952-53

FINANCE—The Mayor, Councilmen Rainville and Fournier
ROADS, BRIDGES & DRAINS—The Mayor, Councilmen Four-
nier and Gardner

BILLS IN THEIR SECOND READING—Councilmen Chasse,
Gardner and Lemay

ENGROSSED BILLS and RESOLUTIONS—Rainville, Pe-
russe and Chasse

PUBLIC BUILDINGS—Councilmen Lemay, Aubert and Ca-
mire

CLAIMS and ACCOUNTS—Councilmen Aubert, Gardner and
Vigneault

PRINTING—The Mayor, Councilmen Aubert and Gardner

FIRE—Councilmen Rainville, Lemay and Perusse

ORDINANCES—The Mayor, Councilmen Gardner and Chasse

POLES and WIRES — Councilmen Perusse, Chasse and Vigneault

STREET LIGHTS — Councilmen Chasse, McCabe and Gardner
FOREST GLADE CEMETERY — Councilmen Perusse, Gardner
and Vigneault

ELECTIONS and RETURNS — Councilmen Fournier, Lemay
and Perusse

Fire Department

Chief Engineer—Edward A. Caron

First Deputy Engineer — Albert J. Lessard

Second Deputy Engineer — John F. Lucey

Water Commissioners

Chairman, Romeo St. Laurent, term expires January 1955

Spencer Furbush, term expires January, 1954

Napoleon A. Habel, term expires January, 1953

Clerk and Superintendent, John R. Hodsdon, term expires December 31, 1952

Board of Assessors

Chairman, Roland G. Perreault, term expires January, 1954

Clerk, Fred J. Coffin, term expires January, 1955

Placide J. Lagueux, term expires January, 1953

Public Library Trustees

Max Isacoff, term expires January, 1957

Roland A. Jenkins, term expires January, 1956

Henry P. Mullen, term expires January, 1955

Gerard Gaudreau, term expires January, 1954

Celopie Semitros, term expires January, 1953

Forest Glade Cemetery Trustees

Fred H. Brown, term expires January, 1957

Fred Legro, term expires January, 1956

Melanie F. Sullivan, term expires January, 1955

Mary C. Furbush, term expires January, 1954

Frank H. Kinsman, term expires January, 1953

Supervisors of the Checklists

Margaret M. Zabrick, term expires Sept. 1, 1955; Thomas L.

Perron, Chairman, term expires Sept. 1, 1954; John J.

Duffy, term expires Sept. 1, 1953; Annie Chasse, Clerk,

term expires Sept. 1, 1952; Oliver F. Colburn, term expires Sept. 1, 1951

Park Commissioners

The Mayor, ex-officio, Romeo St. Laurent, Harold W. Adams, M. D., term expires April, 1952; W. E. Precourt, M. D., term expires April, 1953; Rene A. Morin, term expires April, 1955

Weighers of Hay, Coal and Straw

John R. Hodsdon, Adjutor Turgeon, Leo F. Ruel, Wilfred Breton, Leonard Ferland, Grafton J. Covey

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber

William M. Ames, Leo F. Ruel, Wilfred Breton and Harold V. Sheahan

Ordinances-Resolutions-Petitions

Ordinance known as Chapter 24 relative to Licensing Plumbers. Passed May 6, 1952.

Amendments to Chapter 13, Section 19, relative to Parking on Main St. between Franklin and Market Streets.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution relative to the authority contained in Section 5, Page 234, Laws of 1951 in the matter of the Social Security Act extending benefits under Title II. Passed January 8, 1952.

Resolution relative to the purchase of land on easterly side of Main St. owned by the Great Falls Holding Company for the purpose of widening Main Street. Passed February 5, 1952.

Resolution relative to the Federal Aid Urban Project No. U302 (1) Main Street, Somersworth. Passed May 6, 1952.

Resolution relative to the ruling of the Advisory Council of the U. S. Board of Education relative to returning to the Federal Government monies received to date in the matter of designating the Portsmouth Naval Base as being located in the State of Maine. Passed May 6, 1952.

Resolution in favor of borrowing in anticipation of taxes the sum of \$150,000.00. Passed January 1, 1952.

Resolution in favor of borrowing in anticipation of taxes the sum of \$14,000.00. Passed June 3, 1952.

First reading of Appropriations submitted by the Committee on Finance June 11, 1952. Passed at Public Hearing held June 26, 1952.

Resolution authorizing Treasurer and Committee on Finance to issue and sell \$35,000.00 Bonds of the City known as Improvement Bonds. Passed June 26, 1952.

Resolution in the matter of Federal Aid Project U302(1) concurring with Federal Bureau of Public Roads. Passed July 28, 1952.

Resolution authorizing the pay of the Substitute Driver of Fire Apparatus at \$9.00 per day.

Resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$500.00 to purchase land adjacent to Forest Glade Cemetery and the City Dump. Passed August 7, 1952.

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to borrow not in excess of \$12,917.38 on a short term note to be payable from Appropriations of 1953 for the purpose of buying a snow loader. Passed November 7, 1952.

Resolution authorizing the Treasurer and the Committee on Finance to sell \$100,000.00 Water Works Bonds for Water Works construction and extensions. Passed November 21, 1952.

A resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to borrow \$55,000.00 bonds for Main Street Construction. Passed November 21, 1952.

A resolution authorizing supervision at the City Dump under the direction of the Street Commissioner. Passed November 25, 1952.

A resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to transfer from one department to another to equalize expenditures. Passed November 25, 1952.

A resolution authorizing the Committee on Finance to borrow in anticipation of taxes \$60,000.00. Passed December 5, 1952.

PETITIONS:

New England Tel. & Tel. Company petition for pole location on Lincoln Street. Referred to Committee on Poles and Wires with power to act.

Petition requesting permit to build private garage at property located at and known as 21 Fremont Street. Petitioner's prayer granted February 26, 1952.

Petition relative to certain changes to the existing highway in the City of Somersworth known as Main Street requiring possession of certain tracts of land. Petitioner's prayer granted February 26, 1952.

Petition requesting permit to erect a wooden building at property located at and known as 64 Market Street. Petitioner's prayer granted at hearing of April 3, 1952.

Petition requesting permit to erect a wooden building located at and known as 118 High Street. Petitioner's prayer granted at hearing held May 22, 1952.

Petition requesting permit to erect a wooden building at the property located and known as 8 Mount Auburn Street. Petitioner's prayer granted June 23, 1952.

Petition requesting permit to erect a wooden building located at property known as 17-19 Elm Street to be used as a storehouse for B & W Foods Inc. Petitioner's prayer granted June 26, 1952.

Petition requesting permit to erect a wooden building at property located at and known as 45 Elm Street. Granted at Hearing held June 30, 1952.

A petition to repair Joyce Street. Petition tabled September 16, 1952.

Petition requesting permit to erect Neon sign to overhang the sidewalk at 123 Main Street. Granted November 25, 1952.

Petition from New England Tel. & Tel. Company for pole location on Main Street. Referred to the Committee on Poles and Wires with power to act.

'The Cover'

The pictures on the cover show the difference of Main Street before and after re-construction. This street built some thirty years ago had been in a deplorable condition for several years, and it had reached a point where it could not be kept in satisfactory condition to meet the increased flow of traffic which was clocked at an average daily number of cars using this street at 3750 with a maximum on Fridays of 5160 cars. In addition, it was found that the silt was of poor bearing capacity with only six inches of crushed gravel to carry heavy loads.

The heavy cost of such a project would have placed a burden on the taxpayers which prompted city officials to apply for State and Federal Aid, and this work was accepted by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. in conjunction with the State Program and was listed as Federal Aid Urban Project No. U302(1).

After careful inspection by Federal and State engineers it was decided that the width of the road be increased from a minimum of 31 feet to a minimum of 44 feet from Market Street intersection to Franklin Street, a distance of approximately 2400 feet. The City Council passed an agreement on May 7, 1952.

Land adjoining Main Street and needed for widening was purchased from General Electric Company for \$1.00; from the Great Falls Holding Corporation for \$1.00; from the Boston & Maine Railroad; land at the north end of the street from Lorenzo Gagne for \$4,000.00.

Bids for this construction were received by the N. H. Department of Public Works and Highways on July 24, 1952, at Concord, N. H., and the lowest bidder, Landers & Griffin, Inc., of Portsmouth, was granted the work. The bid was \$91,738.50. This cost plus costs of right-of-way, designing, engineering and contingencies brought the total cost to \$105,428.56. Under this project the Federal Government will pay \$51,376.29 and the State and City will equally share the difference, or \$54,052.20. The City had to issue bonds to pay for the City's and State's share of the cost. The City will pay, annually, \$2,500.00 and the State \$2,500.00 for a period of about ten years.

Reports of City Officials

CITY CLERK

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1952:

Collected by the City Clerk:

1951 Auto Registration Permits	\$	227.39	
1952 Auto Registration Permits		19,642.54	
Rent, Pleasant Street Property		130.00	
Rent, High Street Garages		108.00	
Re-imbursement Blue Cross		31.50	
Election File Fees		8.00	
Sale of Maps		2.00	
Theatre Licenses		250.00	
Pool Room and Bowling Alley Li- censes		120.00	
Taxi Licenses		40.00	
Motor Cycle Race Permits		20.00	
			\$ 20,579.43

Collected by City Marshal, Charles

A. Parsons:

Beano Permits	40.00	
Gun Permits, Junk and Coffee		
House Licenses	30.00	
		70.00

Collected by Peter N. Chasse, San- itary Officer:

Milk Licenses	74.00	
		74.00

Total Collections	\$ 20,723.43
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Deposited with City Treasurer:

1951 Auto Permits for Registra- tions	\$	227.39
1952 Auto Permits for Registra- tions		19,642.54

Rent, Pleasant Street Property	130.00	
Rent High Street Garage	108.00	
Re-imbursement Blue Cross	31.50	
Election File Fees	8.00	
Sale of Maps	2.00	
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Taxi Licenses	40.00	
Motor Cycle Race Permits	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 20,723.43
Beano Permits	40.00	
Gun Permits, Junk and Coffee House Licenses	30.00	
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Milk Licenses	74.00	
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Total Deposits		\$ 20,723.43
1951 Dog Licenses	5.00	
1952 Dog Licenses	237.00	
Total Dog Licenses Collection	<hr/>	\$ 242.00
Total Deposited with City Treasurer		\$ 242.00

Respectfully submitted,

NAPOLEON A. BERUBE,
City Clerk

Examined and found correct:

HAYWARD C. LOGAN,
MARGARET E. O'CONNELL,
Auditors

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen: I submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1952.

Collected and Paid to the City Treasurer:

Year	Amount
1952	\$ 293,853.15
1951	22,076.02
1950	424.84
1949	46.00
1948	26.00
1947	18.00
1946	2.00
1952 Timber Tax	622.77
Sundries Redemptions	882.87
Sundries Tax Sales Cost	52.56

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

LEVY OF 1952

Taxes Committed to Collector as of July 10, 1952:

DR.

Property Taxes and Bank Stocks	\$ 308,372.79
Poll Taxes Reg. @ \$2.00	6,714.00

Total Warrant	\$ 315,086.79
Added Taxes:	
Property Taxes	8.51
Poll Taxes	104.00
Total Debits	\$ 315,199.30

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Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal

Year Ending December 31, 1952:

Property Taxes	\$ 288,460.64
Property Taxes, Added	8.51
Poll Taxes Reg. @ \$2.00	5,280.00
Poll Taxes, Added	104.00
Property Tax Abatements	478.47
Poll Tax Abatements	106.00

Uncollected Property Taxes	19,433.68	
Uncollected Poll Taxes	1,328.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 315,199.30

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
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TIMBER TAX

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector as of November 1, 1952:		
Timber Taxes		\$ 662.06

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Remittances to Treasurer during year Ending December 31, 1952:		
Timber Tax	\$ 622.77	
Uncollected Timber Tax	39.29	
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Total Credits		\$ 662.06

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1951

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1952:		
Property Taxes	\$ 22,327.38	
Poll Taxes	1,056.00	
Poll Taxes, Added	56.00	
Interest	119.67	
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Total Debits		\$ 23,557.05

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1952:		
Property Taxes	\$ 21,382.02	
Poll Taxes	638.00	
Poll Taxes, Added	56.00	
Interest	119.67	
Abatements, Property Taxes	190.65	
Abatements, Poll Taxes	254.00	

Uncollected Property Taxes	754.71	
Uncollected Poll Taxes	162.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 23,557.05

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1950**

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1952:		
Property Taxes	\$ 539.63	
Property Taxes, Added	26.71	
Poll Taxes	250.00	
Poll Taxes, Added	4.00	
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Total Debits		\$ 820.34

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1952:		
Property Taxes	\$ 292.13	
Property Taxes, Added	26.71	
Poll Taxes	102.00	
Poll Taxes, Added	4.00	
Abatements, Property Taxes	257.50	
Abatements, Poll Taxes	94.00	
Uncollected Poll Taxes	44.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 820.34

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1948**

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1952:		
Poll Taxes	\$ 26.00	
Poll Taxes, Added	6.00	
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Total Debits		\$ 32.00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1952:		
Poll Taxes	\$ 20.00	

Poll Taxes, Added	6.00	
Poll Tax Abatements	6.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 32.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1949

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1952:		
Poll Taxes	\$ 160.00	
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Total Debits		\$ 160.00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1952:		
Poll Taxes	\$ 46.00	
Abatements	74.00	
Uncollected Poll Taxes	40.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 160.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1946

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1952:		
Warrant—Poll Taxes	\$ 14.00	
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Total Debits		\$ 14.00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1952:		
Poll Taxes	\$ 2.00	
Abatements, Poll Taxes	6.00	
Uncollected Poll Taxes	6.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 14.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1947

DR.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1952:

Poll Taxes	\$	12.00
Poll Taxes, Added		8.00

Total Debits	\$	20.00
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CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal

Year Ending December 31, 1952:

Poll Taxes	\$	10.00
Poll Taxes, Added		8.00
Abatements, Poll Taxes		2.00

Total Credits	\$	20.00
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SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1951

HEAD TAXES

DR.

Uncollected Head Taxes as of January 1, 1952:

1951 Head Taxes	\$	1,665.00
Added 1951 Head Taxes		320.00
Penalties		144.00

Total Debits	\$	2,129.00
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CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer During Fiscal

Year Ending December 31, 1952:

Head Taxes Reg. @ \$5.00	\$	1,120.00
Added Head Taxes Reg. @ \$5.00		320.00
Penalties		144.00
Abatements		545.00

Total Credits	\$	2,129.00
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SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1952

HEAD TAXES

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector as of May 1, 1952:

Warrant	\$ 20,710.00
Added	315.00
Penalties	18.50

Total Debits .	\$ 21,043.50
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CR.

Remitted to City Treasurer During Fiscal

Year Ending December 31, 1952:

Head Taxes Reg. @ \$5.00	\$ 16,605.00
Added Head Taxes Reg. @ \$5.00	315.00
Penalties	18.50
Abatements	710.00
Uncollected as of January 1, 1953	3,395.00

Total Credits	\$ 21,043.50
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SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1952

DR.

Sales to City during current Years	Tax Sales Accounts Levy of Years			
	1951	1950	1949	
	\$ 374.78	\$ 465.03	\$ 325.76	
Redemptions	29.28	449.87	325.76	
Interest	.20	37.35	40.41	
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes	345.50	15.16		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 374.98	\$ 502.38	\$ 366.17	

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal

Year Ending December 31, 1952:

	1951	1950	1949
Redemptions	\$ 29.28	\$ 449.87	\$ 325.76
Interest	.20	37.35	40.41

Abated By Assessors	5.50		
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes	340.00	15.16	
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 374.98	\$ 502.38	\$ 366.17
Sundries Tax Sales Cost—	\$52.56		

Respectfully Submitted,
JOSEPH F. McKEON,
Tax Collector

Audited and Approved:
HAYWARD C. LOGAN,
M. C. O'CONNELL

Approved by Assessors:
FRED J. COFFIN,
ROLAND G. PERREAULT

POLICE

To The Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen: Respectfully submitted herewith is the report of the City Marshal for the year ending December 31, 1952:

Arrests

Drunkenness	20
Assaults	6
Non support	8
Defraud by check	1
Grand larceny	3
Breaking and entering	1
Making false statement to unemployment	1
Contempt of court	1
Destroying property	1
Fugitive from justice	1
Making false statement to M V Dept.	2
Using derisive language to Police Officer	1
Disturbing the peace, disorderly	1
Throwing refuse in public street	1
Selling mortgage property	1
Bastardy	1
Ringing false fire alarm	1
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Motor Vehicle Offenses

Operating under the influence of intoxicating liquor	17
Operating without a license	16
Unreasonable rate of speed	18
Operating unregistered auto	1
Operating in a negligent manner	3
Failure to have auto inspected	28
Failure to stop at stop signs	12
Passing on a yellow line	2
Passing on a red signal light	6
Failure to stop for an officer	2
Leaving scene of accident	5
Taking auto without permit	2
Passing school buses	8
Operating after license had been denied	4
Operating with improper lights	2
Misuse of registration plate	2

Allowing a person to use registration plates	1
Operating after license had been revoked	2
Allowing person to operate with improper license	1
Parking in restricted area	2

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Disposition of Cases

Paid fines	142
Committed at House of Correction	11
Nol prossed	9
Held for Superior Court	2
Discharged	1
Turned over to Maine Police	1
Cases dismissed	1
Bail forfeited	1
Cases appealed	1
Cases continued	2
Ordered to pay resitution	3
Placed on file	8
Found not guilty	2

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Juvenile Docket

Destroying property	3
Taking car without permit	1
Operating without a license	1
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Disposition

Paid for damage put on probation for two years	3
Committed to the State Industrial School	1
Put on probation 1 year	1
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Complaints received and attended to by police for year	592
NO fatal accidents for the year 1952.	
All accidents reported	202
Cars damaged in accidents	224
Property damaged	14
Adults injured in accidents	15
Minors injured in accidents	9

Dogs killed by autos	13
Complaints about dogs	15
Assist to persons	149
Assist to other departments	64
Assist to other police	82
Assist to FBI	10
Persons given lodgings	153
Persons for SK	32
Fire alarms answered	23
Doors found unlocked	159
Lights reported out	102
Goods reported stolen	22
Goods reported lost	13
Adults reported missing	3
Minors reported missing	8
Autos stolen	1
Suicide by shooting	1
Arrests for other police	3
Boy accidentally shot	1
AWOL, Navy	1
Autos taken without permit	2
Breaking and entering	14
Bicycles stolen but recovered	5

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES A. PARSONS,
 Chief of Police

MUNICIPAL COURT

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit the report of the Municipal Court of the City of Somersworth, for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1952:

Criminal Docket

Total number arraigned	52
Defraud by check	1
Assault	4
Drunk	8
Destroying property	1
Sodomy	1
Falsifying unemployment statement	1
Drunken Driving	7
Leaving scene of an accident	1
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	28
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Disposition of Cases

Paid fines and costs	38
Committed to House of Correction	3
Appealed to Superior Court	1
Placed on File	7
Continued for Sentence	1
Nol-prossed	1
Waived extradition to Maine	1
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Juvenile

Cases of Delinquent Children	4
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Civil Court

Total number of Cases Entered	0
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Small Claims Court

Number of Cases in which Orders have not been	
Complied with	4
Cases Paid in Full	3
Cases Settled by Agreement	2
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Total Number of Cases Entered	9

Receipts from Fines, Costs, Court Fees

January 1, 1952, Cash on Hand	\$ 491.85
January	255.50
February	250.50
March	420.75
April	121.00
May	230.00
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	\$ 1,769.60

Expenditures

City of Somersworth	\$ 500.00
Witness Fees	14.84
State Motor Vehicle Department	810.00
Transportation of Prisoners	12.00
Supplies	6.80
Postage	3.00
Justice Fee	3.00
Deposit Returned	100.00
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Total	\$ 1,449.64
Cash on Hand, May 31, 1952	319.96
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	\$ 1,769.60

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES L. INGALLS,
Clerk

To The Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen: Respectfully submitted herewith is the report of Clerk of Municipal Court from June 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952.

Drunkenness	12
Assaults	2
Non-support	8
Grand Larceny	3
Breaking and entering	1
Contempt of court	1
Making false statement to M. V. Department	2

Using derisive language to Police Officer	1
Disturbing the peace, disorderly	1
Throwing refuse in public street	1
Selling mortgage property	1
Bastardy	1
Ringing false fire alarm	1
Operating under influence of intoxicating liquor	10
Leaving the scene of accident	4
Other motor vehicle violations	84
Total	133

Disposition of Cases

Paid fines	104
Committed to House of Correction	8
Nol Prossed	8
Held for Superior Court	2
Discharged	1
Cases dismissed	1
Bail forfeited	1
Ordered to pay resitution	3
Placed on file	1
Found not guilty	2
Appealed	1
Total	133

Juvenile Court

Taking car without permit	1
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Disposition

Committed to the State Industrial School	1
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Civil Court

Cases entered	2
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Small Claims Court

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Receipts from Fines, Costs, Court Fees

May 31, 1952, Cash on Hand	\$	319.96
June		525.50
July		60.25
August		1,225.50
September		38.25
October		135.50

November	385.00
December	486.00

\$ 3,175.96

Expenditures

State Motor Vehicle Department, fines	\$ 1,127.70
Witness Fees	15.12
Transportation of Prisoners	24.12
Supplies	24.58
Bail to Superior Court	1,000.00
Justice Fees	15.36
Court Charges	16.00
Printing	68.65

Total	\$ 2,291.53
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1952	884.43

\$ 3,175.96

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR GILBERT,
Clerk

CITY SOLICITOR

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my report as City Solicitor for the year 1952.

With respect to criminal complaints and investigations, all matters brought to my attention were disposed of with the cooperation of law enforcement officials.

With respect to civil litigation, proceedings involving the interests of the City of Somersworth in the estate of the late Sarah A. Rollins were continued. Hearings in both the Superior and Supreme Courts, together with correspondence, research and conferences occupied a considerable portion of your City Solicitor's time.

As usual, counsel was given to and appropriate action taken for the various City Departments in addition to taking the necessary legal steps in the matter of taking of land on Main Street for reconstruction, in cooperation with State and Federal Departments.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO H. CATER,
City Solicitor

FOREST GLADE CEMETERY

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen: Herewith we submit a report of the affairs of Forest Glade Cemetery for the year ending December 31, 1952, as made up by the clerk.

Receipts

Trust Fund Income	\$	1,638.68	
Appropriations		5,782.00	
Income		1,238.03	
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Expenditures

Labor	\$	6,064.30	
Supplies		1,786.15	
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Unexpended Balance			\$ 808.26

Respectfully submitted,

FRED LEGRO,
MARY C. FURBUSH,
MELANIE W. SULLIVAN,
FRANK H. KINSMAN,
Trustees
Forest Glade Cemetery

JOHN R. HODSDON,
Clerk

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

December 31st, 1952

Forest Glade Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 53,771.24
Additional Deposits, 1952	
Mrs. Charles Horlor—Richard Mason Lot	100.00
Charles H. Harmon—Charles Harmon Lot	100.00
Cora Bill Estate—Stoddard Lot	100.00
Alvin E. Foss—Moses Foss Lot	300.00
Dr. John Hayes—Dr. John Hayes Lot	350.00
Daniel Quill Estate—Daniel Quill Lot	200.00
Gerald Chapman—Hartley Chapman Lot	25.00
Charles E. Stillings—Stillings Lot	250.00
Somersworth Trust Fund in Somersworth Savings Bank	\$ 55,096.24
Chandler Trust Fund in Somersworth Savings Bank	2,000.00
Trustees of the Trust Fund:	

MARY C. FURBUSH
GERARD L. GAUDREAU
JOHN R. HODSDON

We certify that we have examined the books of the Trustees of the Trust Fund for the City of Somersworth June 20th, 1953 and found them correct.

HAYWARD C. LOGAN,
M. C. O'CONNELL,
Auditors
City of Somersworth

PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Trustees of the Somersworth Public Library:

My report for the year 1952 is herewith presented.

The Somersworth Public Library as an institution has indeed come a long way from its beginning more than one hundred years ago. Its services have spread and increased until now it has a solid and substantial part in the community.

A small library maintains a close contact with its borrowers, promoting a pleasant relationship. The librarian in a small library serves in all departments, meeting all ages, and an intimacy arises so that she knows their interests, problems and talents, and feels more free to help them in their use of the library. This relationship is of great importance.

The work in this library has been successfully carried on through the year. Many teachers have had "personally conducted tours" to the library thus bringing its resources to the attention of the pupils; many applications for library cards were received from students.

Extension of library service to all citizens is one of our tasks, and all our facilities must be strengthened and aided to complete the work.

New books were carefully selected to meet patrons' individual needs and tastes, and to cover a wide variety of subjects. During the year five hundred books were purchased. With no prospects of cost reductions in 1953 it is not probable that retail prices will become lower. This makes book selection more of a problem than heretofore, as many desirable titles must be eliminated. An increase in the book budget is much needed.

Our library has outgrown its present quarters and in the near future something must be done to alleviate the crowded condition. One possibility might be to utilize the entire upper floor of this building, installing plenty of book stacks to accommodate books not in active use, thus making room for newer and more useful material in our present quarters.

Another solution might be to remodel the building, using the street level for reading room, children's room, the newest

books, and a charging desk and using our present room for books not so much in demand.

It certainly is obvious that some plan must be devised to remedy our shelving problem, and this crowded condition should receive immediate attention. This is our major project at present.

Thirty-six magazines were received by subscription; a great many trade journals were received as gifts. Copies of the Somersworth Free Press and Foster's Daily Democrat were gifts from the publishers.

Rev. J. F. Happny gave a subscription to "America, National Catholic Weekly Review;" the local W. C. T. U. donated copies of their magazine, "The Young Crusader."

Books were received as gifts from Jeanette Deschenes, Mrs. Raymond Baker, "Tam" Pratt and Mr. H. C. Logan.

Mrs. Ann Coolidge furnished all the book marks we could distribute to our patrons. These book marks are always much in demand by readers and serve an excellent purpose.

We acquired a beautiful "Grandfather clock" through the generosity of Mr. Lyman Cheever who gave the clock in memory of Mr. Kirke Moses, a former resident of this city.

Statistics offer the most accurate report of the activities of the year and the following record is submitted.

HOURS: 2:00 to 6:00 P. M. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
2:00 to 8:00 P. M. on Saturdays

Volumes in Library, January 1, 1952	21,757
Volumes added during 1952	513
Withdrawn from circulation	333
Number of volumes in Library, January 1, 1953	21,937

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS BY CLASSES

During the year 19,946 volumes were loaned for home reading divided by classes as follows:

General works	43
Philosophy and Religion	257
Sociology (Education, Customs, Costumes, Folklore etc.)	984
Language and Literature	460

Natural Science (Astronomy, Botany, Chemistry, Geology, Zoology, etc.)	555
Useful and Fine Arts (Amusements, Domestic Sci- ence, Home Decoration, Painting, Photography, etc.)	1,739
History and Travel	1,126
Biography	1,131
Magazines	1,464
Pamphlets	207
Music	61
Pictures	11
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Total non-fiction	8,038
Fiction	11,908
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Total number of books loaned	19,946

These figures show an increase of 2,189 over the previous year.

Your interest and cooperation during the year is much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
LEONA H. SAVITHES,
Librarian

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen: We wish first to compliment our Librarian, Mrs. Leona Savithes for the excellent work she has done in supervising our library during the past year. Although all books and magazines have increased greatly in cost, by carefully selecting those in greatest demand by our patrons, she has managed to keep within our appropriation.

However, due to the lack of shelf space, we feel that additional shelves in the old council rooms have become a must. The cost of these shelves would not be great and would be well worth the expenditure. We feel, too, that our appropriation should be increased to allow us more funds for janitor service. The shelves we have are made of wood and are dust collectors. Additional funds would enable us to keep them in much better condition. The Librarian has explained this more fully in her yearly report.

The Trustees, at this time, wish to thank you for your fine cooperation throughout the year.

HENRY P. MULLEN,
Chairman

MISS CELOPIE SEMITROS,
ROLAND JENKINS,
MAX ISACOFF,
GERARD GAUDREAU,
Trustees

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen, I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1952:

Buried Nuisance	160
Complaints from other sources	65
Disinfection of houses	10
Issued 37 milk licenses at \$2.00 each	\$74.00
Issued 3 milk licenses exempt by law of fee	3

Contagious Diseases:

Polio	4
Scarlet Fever	2
Tuberculosis	2

Respectfully submitted,

PETER N. CHASSE,
Sanitary Officer

WATER WORKS

Board of Water Commissioners
Somersworth, New Hampshire

Gentlemen: I respectfully submit the report of the Water Department for the year ending December 31, 1952.

Throughout the year samples of the water tested by the Board of Health of the State of N. H. have been reported as "Very Good."

All hydrants have been flushed and necessary repairs made to insure the proper working condition in case of fires. This year one hundred and fifty reflector markers were purchased and installed to assist in the location and the protection of the hydrants throughout the winter months.

The Worthington Pump at one No. 1 Well in service for the past twenty years has been completely overhauled and repaired this year at an added expense of approximately \$2,776.44 which is one of the reasons for the increase in the expenditures of the Department for 1952, also the purchase of a new truck increased the expenditures by \$975.00.

The added amount of service to the public and increased operations, has resulted in the addition of one man regularly to the Department, this will insure more safety and better service in case of emergencies and reduce the responsibilities of one man on a twenty-four hour day and seven day and night call.

A total of 178,472,600 gallons of water was pumped this year, an increase of 13,025,000 gallons, resulting in a gain in the Commercial Sales of the Department with the balance used on the construction of new roads, playgrounds, skating rinks, swimming pools, ballground and football fields.

During the year, under regular departmental operations, the following was accomplished:

Old services renewed	22
New services	47
Leaks checked	25
Meter readings checked	61
Meter changes	26
New meters installed	42

The increase in construction of new homes and demands for water throughout different sections of the City necessitated a bond issue of \$100,000. to partially fulfill these demands.

Upon the issuance of these bonds the following extensions were made to the system:

Extension of 6 inch Water Mains

4,260 feet of C. I. Water Pipe with the necessary Hydrants and House Services has been laid in twelve different streets, and listed below at a cost of,

\$ 17,352.10

The labor and equipment to perform this work was furnished by Landers & Griffin Inc. of Portsmouth, N. H. under a cost plus agreement with the City, the City furnishing all pipe, gates, hydrants, fittings and engineering.

Extension of 8 and 10 inch Water Mains—West High Main, so called.

Consisted of laying 10 inch C. I. Pipe on Maple Street Extension, then 8 inch across land of Norman Fournier, along Indigo Hill Road (West) to West High Street then in West High Street to Hansons Corner. A total of 9666 feet including necessary hydrants, fittings, etc. at a cost of,

\$ 53,701.30

This work was also performed by Landers & Griffin Inc. on a contract with the City dated October 22, 1952.

Test Wells

Landers & Griffin Inc. were also employed under a cost-plus agreement to make tests to locate additional water supply for the City. They drove 32 Test Wells of depths varying in depth from ten to seventy five feet. The result of this work was partially satisfactory, but more tests are needed to be sure of results in certain locations. The total cost of this work was about \$9,000.00. However the cost paid in 1952 was

\$ 4,273.45

The above amounts are made up as follows:

Bills Paid By the City

Contractors Compensation	\$ 33,707.47
Miscellaneous Labor (City)	1,153.90

C. I. Water Pipe	27,057.82
Fittings, Valves, Hydrants, Etc.	9,562.96
House Service Material	2,357.77
Engineering	1,410.56
Miscellaneous	76.37
Total	\$ 75,326.85

Test Wells

Contractors Compensation	\$ 2,983.81
Extra Labor (City)	501.52
Engineering	788.12
Cost of Test Wells	\$ 4,273.45
Cost of Water Main Extensions	\$ 71,053.40
4260 feet of 6 inch Main installed	
@ \$ 3.08	\$ 13,142.10
8866 feet of 8 inch Main installed	
@ \$ 5.05	44,773.30
800 feet of 10 inch Main installed	
@ \$ 5.42	4,336.00
15 Hydrants installed	
@ \$318.00	4,770.00
63 House Services	
@ \$ 64.00	4,032.00
Total	\$ 71,053.40

Installation By Streets

Sts.	Ft. of Pipe	No. of Hydrants	No. of Ho. Services	Cost
6 Inch Mains				
Main St.		3		\$ 954.00
Cote & Laurier Sts.	358	1	5	1,742.23
Ingigo Hill Rd. (Rickers)	320		2	1,114.10
Nash Parkway	445		4	1,628.35
Drew St.	284	1	2	1,322.02
Bartlett Ave.	263		1	875.22
Polychronis	448	1	2	1,837.90
Morning St.	389		1	1,264.00
Geroux St.	753		7	2,770.65
Sunset Drive (Off Maple)	256		4	1,045.66

James St.	258		1	859.80
Sunset Drive (West End)	486	1	2	1,448.17
8 Inch Mains				
Across land of N. Fournier	1666	2		9,049.30
Indigo Hill Rd. (West)	1766	1	4	9,492.30
West High St.	5434	5	17	30,119.70
10 Inch Mains				
Maple St. Ext.	800		11	5,040.00
Totals	13926	15	63	\$71,053.40

The unit cost of \$5.05 per lin. ft. for installing 8 inch water pipe appears to be high as compared with that of 6 inch and 10 inch pipe this is due to added costs on this section as follows:

Tate Brook Crossing	\$ 500.00
291 Cu. Yds. Ledge Excavation	4,365.00
Making 3-connections to 8 inch Main	150.00
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	\$5,015.00

This \$5,015.00 spread over the whole 8 inch line increases the unit cost per foot in the amount of \$0.56. Therefore under normal construction conditions the cost per unit foot would be about \$4.49.

The two wells now in operation have an ample supply of water at the present consumption, but on investigation and advice from Water Engineers and Specialists the Department was notified it would be advisable to locate immediately another location for a new well in case of any increase over this amount of consumption and protection against any possible decrease in the amount of water produced by these wells.

During the year under the bond issue and contract with Landers & Griffin tests have been made in several sections in the outlying districts and will continue during the coming year.

Following is the comparative Balance Sheet and Statement of operations, as submitted to the Public Service Commission.

Exhibit A

Somersworth Water Works
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
As At December 31, 1952 and 1951

ASSETS			
Fixed Assets	1952	1951	Increase or (Decrease)
Land	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$
Cash Bond Issue	24,673.15		24,673.15
Water Supply Structure	22,491.01	22,491.01	
Pumping Station Structure	32,869.20	32,869.20	
Water Supply Equipment	41,150.94	43,905.14	(2,754.20)
Pumping Station Equipment	11,199.77	11,199.77	
Purification Equipment	1,076.18	1,076.18	
Water Storage Equipment	17,683.81	17,683.81	
Distribution Mains	226,696.01	159,933.25	66,762.76
Services	34,250.39	29,178.29	5,072.10
Hydrants	18,680.49	13,910.49	4,770.00
Meters	17,376.80	16,214.84	1,161.96
Truck	5,104.84	4,129.84	975.00
Other Equipment	1,087.25	1,087.25	
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Total Fixed Assets	\$ 456,539.84	\$ 355,879.07	\$ 100,660.77
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Current Assets			
Material and Supplies	13,502.79	15,294.85	(1,792.06)
Accounts Receivable	10,414.88	11,590.41	(1,175.53)
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Total Current Assets	23,917.67	26,885.26	(2,967.59)
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 480,457.51	\$ 382,764.33	\$ 97,693.18

LIABILITIES

Capital Liabilities

Municipal Investment	\$ 100,392.79	\$ 100,392.79	\$
Funded Debt	144,000.00	54,000.00	90,000.00
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Total Capital Liabilities	244,392.79	154,392.79	90,000.00
Contributions to Aid in Construction	21,420.35	21,420.35	
Accrued Interest	30.00	30.00	
Reserve for Depreciation	164,145.34	158,172.06	5,973.28
Surplus	50,469.03	48,749.13	1,719.90

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 480,457.51	\$ 382,764.33	\$ 97,693.18
			Exhibit B

Somersworth Water Works

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For The Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 1952 and 1951

Income	1952	1951
Commercial Sales and Job Work	\$ 43,550.17	\$ 42,020.29
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Operating Expenses		
Pumping Station, Labor	1,769.00	1,541.25
Pumping Station, Expense	603.21	250.66
Power Purchased	4,507.94	3,593.11
Superintendence	1,672.00	1,697.00
Distribution Labor	249.00	156.25
Distribution of Supplies	140.00	61.21
Repairs to Mains	724.14	1,280.10
Repairs to Services	582.19	715.50
Repairs to Water Storage Equipment (Note)	2,754.20	2,754.20
Repairs to Hydrants	492.22	554.00
Repairs to Meters	174.00	183.99
Repairs to Wells	2,776.44	675.14
Office Salaries and Expense	1,360.20	1,555.73
General Expense	836.29	836.51
Insurance	228.04	189.31

Shop Expense	307.07	615.50
Truck Expense	148.92	444.29
Interest	1,085.00	1,397.50
Purification Expense	210.00	216.00
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Total Operating Expenses	20,619.86	18,717.30
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Net Income Before Depreciation	22,930.31	23,302.99
Depreciation	5,973.28	5,885.04
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NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	\$ 16,957.03	\$ 17,417.95

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(Note) The repairs to the standpipe are being written off over a five year period.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. HODSDON,
Superintendent

OVERSEER OF THE POOR

WELFARE & RELIEF DEPARTMENT—1952

DIRECT RELIEF, O. A. A. and SOLDIERS' AID

	Gro.	Clo.	Fuel	Rent	Med.	Hosp.	B. & C.off. ex.	O.A.A.	No. of Ex.	No. Fam.	No. of in	Sing. Exp.	No.	Total
Jan.	174.00	8.41	56.65	44.00	2.50	521.77	407.16	19.50	35	218.00	7	25	474.72	17 1173.10
Feb.	96.00	4.95	33.75	29.00	2.25	521.77	405.92	25.95	35	134.95	5	14	958.69	18 1570.22
Mar.	96.00	11.68	41.33	53.00	11.51	320.00	445.73	10.60	35	162.75	6	16	816.50	23 1440.42
Apr.	120.00	8.54	17.33	29.00	26.45		419.30	31.60	35	144.70	6	16	475.92	18 1074.60
May	141.00	17.99	9.32	56.00	5.00	60.00	426.45	24.00	35	232.04	7	14	483.72	19 1200.41
June	156.00	8.34	9.55	29.00	12.77	23.00	439.80	11.70	34	186.00	7	18	492.46	18 1189.46
July	160.00	8.25	1.55	29.00	18.00		306.45	11.50	34	119.70	4	7	278.05	19 1034.05
Aug.	115.00	5.84	1.55	29.00	49.24	92.85	351.35	12.00	33	99.64	4	11	470.34	19 1050.46
Sept.	109.70	6.40	18.35	53.00	36.85	91.07	547.00	12.60	31	249.60	17	46	612.77	19 1279.72
Oct.	156.00	12.20	18.36	14.00	26.05	35.00	454.20	11.40	31	206.12	12	27	509.76	15 1108.55
Nov.	109.00	4.15	26.76	14.00	46.00		494.35	16.80	29	107.30	8	22	586.96	21 1086.55
Dec.	91.00		16.80		2.69		553.98	13.70	27	107.80	8	21	556.67	12 996.17
	\$1523.70	96.75	251.30	379.00	239.31	1143.69	5251.69	201.35	5116.99	391	1968.60	91	237 6716.56	218 14203.78
														14203.78
														1257.84
														\$12945.94

Credits and Refunds from Direct Relief, Probation Dept. and O. A. A.

———— SOLDIERS' AID REPORT ————

245.00	40.60	28.50	419.10
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\$13365.04

Total Net Cost

JOHN J. DUFFY,
Overseer of the Poor

OVERSEER OF THE POOR

DIRECT RELIEF and OFFICE EXPENSES—1952

	Gro.	Clo.	Fuel	Rent	Med.	Hosp.	B. & C.off. ex.	
Jan.	174.00	8.41	56.65	44.00	2.50		407.16	19.50
Feb.	96.00	4.95	33.75	29.00	2.25	521.77	405.92	25.95
Mar.	96.00	11.68	41.33	53.00	11.51	320.00	445.73	10.60
Apr.	120.00	8.54	17.33	29.00	26.45		419.30	31.60
May	141.00	17.99	9.32	56.00	5.00	60.00	426.45	24.00
June	156.00	8.34	9.55	29.00	12.77	23.00	439.80	11.70
July	160.00	8.25	1.55	29.00	18.00		306.45	11.50
Aug.	115.00	5.84	1.55	29.00	49.24	92.85	351.35	12.90
Sept.	109.70	6.40	18.35	53.00	36.85	91.07	547.00	12.60
Oct.	156.00	12.20	18.36	14.00	26.05	35.00	454.20	11.40
Nov.	109.00	4.15	26.76	14.00	46.00		494.35	16.80
Dec.	91.00		16.80		2.69		553.98	13.70
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	\$1523.70	96.75	251.30	379.00	239.31	1143.69	5251.69	201.35
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TOTAL	\$9,086.79							

JOHN J. DUFFY

Overseer of the Poor

FIRE CHIEF

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen: In compliance with the city ordinance, and in behalf of the Board of Engineers, I submit the following report of Somersworth Fire Department for year ending December 31, 1952.

The Somersworth Fire Department answered 136 calls which were as follows:

Residential	18
Factories and Warehouses	4
Grass and Brush Calls	35
Dump	49
Outside Calls	3
Still Alarm	24
Smoke (no fire)	3
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Total	136

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. CARON,
Chief

CITY TREASURER

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The City Treasurer herewith submits his report for the year ending December 31, 1952.

TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, N. H.

DR.		CR.	
To Cash Balance		Bonds,	\$ 10,000.00
Jan. 1, 1952	\$ 37,282.36	Cemetery,	7,360.93
Auto Taxes, 1951	227.39	Cemetery Trust	
Auto Taxes, 1952	19,642.54	Fund,	1,325.00
Cemetery Trust		Chandler Building,	778.62
Fund,	1,325.00	City Hall,	323.39
Cemetery Trust		County Tax,	37,674.32
Funds Income,	1,638.63	Improvement Bonds	33,277.27
Cemetery Income,	1,238.03	Fire Department,	8,433.09
Chandler Building,	540.00	Highways,	43,686.07
Chandler Fund		Highway Equip-	
Income,	60.45	ment,	12,917.38
City Hall,	3,120.00	Hydrant,	4,000.00
Dog Licenses, 1951	5.00	Income Tax,	7,880.50
Dog Licenses, 1952	237.00	Interest,	4,530.60
Miscellaneous		Lights,	12,011.99
Licenses,	574.00	Macadamizing,	1,192.50
Notes Payable,	296,917.38	Miscellaneous,	2,513.24
Police Court Fees,	500.00	Municipal Building,	2,013.39
State of New		Notes Payable,	274,000.00
Hampshire,	11,614.13	Outstanding Checks,	4,288.83
Sundries,	14,331.98	Police,	28,853.16
Taxes 1946	2.00	Public Library,	3,561.22
Taxes 1947	18.00	Printing,	1,227.31
Taxes 1948	26.00	Salaries,	28,574.99
Taxes 1949	46.00	Schools,	132,521.86
Taxes 1950	424.84	Sundries,	8,991.80
Taxes 1951	22,076.02	Water Works	32,696.68
Taxes 1952	293,853.15	Water Works,	
Water Works,	45,645.06	Special	17,098.33
Head Tax, 1951	1,440.00	Welfare and Relief,	14,179.15
Head Tax, 1952	16,920.00	Workmen's Com-	
Timber Tax, 1952	622.77	pensation,	879.17

STATE OF N. H. ITEMS			
Railroad Tax,	1,692.26	Chevrolet Truck	2,468.34
Savings Bank Tax,	1,419.50	Garbage Truck	9,597.00
Interest and Divi-		F. I. C. A.	2,161.23
dend Tax,	3,422.37	Head Tax, 1951	19,018.87
State Share Main		Head Tax, 1952	9,961.50
St. Const.	5,080.00	Main St. Con-	
		struction	7,189.36
	\$ 11,614.13		\$ 787,187.50
Rent, High St.			
Garage	108.09		
Improvement Bond	35,000.00		
Water Bonds	100,000.00		
Street Bonds	55,000.00		
Fed. Funds State Bd.			
Education, fiscal			
yr. 1951-52	2,056.88		
Fed. Funds Schools			
June 30, 1951	3,615.97		

SUNDRIES ITEMS		SUNDRIES ITEMS	
Highway Depart-		Memorial Day,	\$ 600.00
ment,	\$ 243.29	Repairs on Public	
School Depart-		Buildings,	2.09
ment,	1,233.33	Blue Cross &	
Interest 1951	119.67	Blue Shield	914.40
Head Tax Penalty,		Court Litigations	31.50
1951	144.00	District Nursing	
Head Tax Penalty,		Association	1,000.00
1952	18.50	Municipal Real	
Rent Pleasant St.		Estate	855.60
Property	130.00	Parks & Play	
Macadam	25.00	Grounds	2,537.11
Refund Probation		Pleasant St.	
Department	940.00	Property	1,000.00
Refund Direct Relief	65.40	Soldier's Aid	525.40
Refund Child Welfare	39.09	Tax Sales	369.28
Refund Welfare &		T. R. A.	416.42
Relief	10.45	Tree Spraying	350.00
Refund Old Age	34.00	Zoning	390.00
Refund Blue Cross	31.50		
Refund Tel. City			
Marshal, 1951	62.10	Total Sundries \$	8,991.80

Refund N. H. St. Highway, Main St.	5,721.04	By balance on hand	\$ 178,921.04
Refund Head Tax	7.15	Total Cr.	\$ 787,187.59
Old Age Assistance	49.49	TOTAL	\$ 966,108.63
Reimb. School Funds	3,399.84		
Redemption Tax, 1951	29.48		
Redemption Tax, 1950	487.22		
Redemption Tax, 1949	366.17		
Fire-error order 5453	27.41		
Sale of Maps	2.00		
Election-Filing Fees	8.00		
Tax Sale Cost	52.56		
Acct. int. Improvement Bonds	63.44		
Acct. int. Water & Street	561.10		
Schools—Tuition	115.00		
Schools, Exp. of administration	315.93		
Board & Care	30.00		
<hr/> Total Sundries \$ 14,331.98			
<hr/> Total Dr. \$ 966,108.63			
Cemetery Trust Fund	55,096.24		
Chandler Trust Fund	2,000.00		
Cemetery Gate Fund	2,483.95		
Richard Royal Eastman Fund	133.89		

YVONNE D. TURCOTTE,
City Treasurer

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1952.

Oiling Streets

Streets treated with Tarvia the past year as follows:

Hamilton Street	Orange Street
Noble Street	Green Street
Mt. Vernon Street	Elm Street
Grove Street	Washington Street
Highland Street	Fore Street
Beacon Street	Buffumsville Road
Prospect To Grand	Lower Market Street
Grand Street	Rowland Street
Linden Street	Laurier Street

Sidewalks Repaved

High Street	800 feet
Garden Street	255 feet
Fremont Street	825 feet
Elm Street	670 feet
Court Street	
(both sides)	750 feet
Beacon Street	100 feet

3400 feet

Approximately twenty-five loads of Garbage have been collected weekly and an ample supply of sand stored for winter use.

Respectfully submitted,

OMER T. DeROY,
Street Commissioner

Bonded Indebtedness

WATER BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council at a meeting held July 19, 1948, the City Treasurer and the Committee on Finance were authorized to issue \$29,000.00 bonds for improvement of a permanent nature to the City's water system, said bonds to be dated July 1, 1948, and to be payable July 1, \$8,000.00 in 1949 and \$7,000.00 in each of the years 1950, 1951 and 1952 inclusive.

Rate—1¾ %

Date issued	Amount issued	Amount redeemed
July 1, 1948	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00

SEWER BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council at a meeting held July 19, 1948, the City Treasurer and the Committee on Finance were authorized to issue \$31,000.00 bonds for improvements of a permanent nature to the City's Sewer system to be dated July 1, 1948, and to be payable July 1, \$10,000.00 in 1949 and \$7,000.00 in each of the years 1950, 1951 and 1952 inclusive.

Rate—1¾ %

Date issued	Amount issued	Amount redeemed
July 1, 1948	\$31,000.00	\$41,000.00

WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENT AND EXTENSION BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held April 18, 1949, the Finance Committee of the City Council and City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell \$53,000.00

Water Works Improvement and Extension Bonds, (nos. 1 to 53)
dated June 1, 1949, payable June 1, \$3,000.00 in 1950 to 1962
and \$2,000.00 in 1963 to 1969.

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
June 1, 1949	\$53,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$44,000.00

Date Due	Principal	Interest
June 1, 1953	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 495.00
Dec. 1, 1953		461.25
June 1, 1954	3,000.00	461.25
Dec. 1, 1954		427.50
June 1, 1955	3,000.00	427.50
Dec. 1, 1955		393.75
June 1, 1956	3,000.00	393.75
Dec. 1, 1956		360.00
June 1, 1957	3,000.00	360.00
Dec. 1, 1957		326.25
June 1, 1958	3,000.00	326.25
Dec. 1, 1958		292.50
June 1, 1959	3,000.00	292.50
Dec. 1, 1959		258.75
June 1, 1960	3,000.00	258.75
Dec. 1, 1960		225.00
June 1, 1961	3,000.00	225.00
Dec. 1, 1961		191.25
June 1, 1962	3,000.00	191.25
Dec. 1, 1962		157.50
June 1, 1963	2,000.00	157.50
Dec. 1, 1963		135.00
June 1, 1964	2,000.00	135.00
Dec. 1, 1964		112.50
June 1, 1965	2,000.00	112.50
Dec. 1, 1965		90.00
June 1, 1966	2,000.00	90.00
Dec. 1, 1966		67.50
June 1, 1967	2,000.00	67.50
Dec. 1, 1967		45.00
June 1, 1968	2,000.00	45.00
Dec. 1, 1968		22.50
June 1, 1969	2,000.00	22.50
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	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 7,627.50

SEWER AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AND EXTENSION BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, N. H., at a meeting held April 18, 1949, the Finance Committee of the City Council and City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell \$37,000.00 and \$10,000.00 a total of \$47,000.00 Sewer Extension and Sidewalk Construction Bonds, Nos. 1 to 47 dated June 1, 1949, payable June 1, \$3,000.00 in 1950 to 1956 and \$2,000.00 in 1957 to 1969.

Rate 2¼ %

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding	
June 1, 1949	\$47,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$38,000.00	
Date Due			Principal	Interest
June 1, 1953			\$ 3,000.00	\$ 427.50
Dec. 1, 1953				393.75
June 1, 1954			3,000.00	393.75
Dec. 1, 1954				360.00
June 1, 1955			3,000.00	360.00
Dec. 1, 1955				326.25
June 1, 1956			3,000.00	326.25
Dec. 1, 1956				292.50
June 1, 1957			2,000.00	292.50
Dec. 1, 1957				270.00
June 1, 1958			2,000.00	270.00
Dec. 1, 1958				247.25
June 1, 1959			2,000.00	247.25
Dec. 1, 1959				225.00
June 1, 1960			2,000.00	225.00
Dec. 1, 1960				202.50
June 1, 1961			2,000.00	202.50
Dec. 1, 1961				180.00
June 1, 1962			2,000.00	180.00
Dec. 1, 1962				157.50
June 1, 1963			2,000.00	157.50
Dec. 1, 1963				135.00
June 1, 1964			2,000.00	135.00
Dec. 1, 1964				112.50
June 1, 1965			2,000.00	112.50
Dec. 1, 1965				90.00
June 1, 1966			2,000.00	90.00

Dec. 1, 1966		67.50
June 1, 1967	2,000.00	67.50
Dec. 1, 1967		45.00
June 1, 1968	2,000.00	45.00
Dec. 1, 1968		22.50
June 1, 1969	2,000.00	22.50
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	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 6,682.00

WATER BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held November 21, 1952, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell \$100,000.00 Bonds to be known as Water Bonds No. 1 to 100 dated December 1, 1952, payable December 1, 1953, to 1972.

Rate 2%

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Dec. 1, 1952	\$100,000.00		\$100,000.00
Date Due	Principal	Interest	
June 1, 1953		\$1,000.00	
Dec. 1, 1953	\$ 5,000.00	1,000.00	
June 1, 1954		950.00	
Dec. 1, 1954	5,000.00	950.00	
June 1, 1955		900.00	
Dec. 1, 1955	5,000.00	900.00	
June 1, 1956		850.00	
Dec. 1, 1956	5,000.00	850.00	
June 1, 1957		800.00	
Dec. 1, 1957	5,000.00	800.00	
June 1, 1958		750.00	
Dec. 1, 1958	5,000.00	750.00	
June 1, 1959		700.00	
Dec. 1, 1959	5,000.00	700.00	
June 1, 1960		650.00	
Dec. 1, 1960	5,000.00	650.00	
June 1, 1961		600.00	
Dec. 1, 1961	5,000.00	600.00	
June 1, 1962		550.00	
Dec. 1, 1962	5,000.00	550.00	
June 1, 1963		500.00	

Dec. 1, 1963	5,000.00	500.00
June 1, 1964		450.00
Dec. 1, 1964	5,000.00	450.00
June 1, 1965		400.00
Dec. 1, 1965	5,000.00	400.00
June 1, 1966		350.00
Dec. 1, 1966	5,000.00	350.00
June 1, 1967		300.00
Dec. 1, 1967	5,000.00	300.00
June 1, 1968		250.00
Dec. 1, 1968	5,000.00	250.00
June 1, 1969		200.00
Dec. 1, 1969	5,000.00	200.00
June 1, 1970		150.00
Dec. 1, 1970	5,000.00	150.00
June 1, 1971		100.00
Dec. 1, 1971	5,000.00	100.00
June 1, 1972		50.00
Dec. 1, 1972	5,000.00	50.00
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	\$100,000.00	\$21,000.00

STREET BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held November 21, 1952, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell \$55,000.00 Bonds to be known as Street Bonds Nos. 1 to 55 dated December 1, 1952, payable December 1, \$5,000.00 in 1953 to 1963.

Rate 2%

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Dec. 1, 1952	\$55,000.00		\$55,000.00
Date Due		Principal	Interest
June 1, 1953			\$ 550.00
Dec. 1, 1953		\$ 5,000.00	550.00
June 1, 1954			500.00
Dec. 1, 1954		5,000.00	500.00
June 1, 1955			450.00
Dec. 1, 1955		5,000.00	450.00
June 1, 1956			400.00
Dec. 1, 1956		5,000.00	400.00

June 1, 1957		350.00
Dec. 1, 1957	5,000.00	350.00
June 1, 1958		300.00
Dec. 1, 1958	5,000.00	300.00
June 1, 1959		250.00
Dec. 1, 1959	5,000.00	250.00
June 1, 1960		200.00
Dec. 1, 1960	5,000.00	200.00
June 1, 1961		150.00
Dec. 1, 1961	5,000.00	150.00
June 1, 1962		100.00
Dec. 1, 1962	5,000.00	100.00
June 1, 1963		50.00
Dec. 1, 1963	5,000.00	50.00
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	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 6,600.00

IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held June 26, 1952, the Mayor, Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer, were authorized to prepare and sell \$35,000.00 Bonds to be known as Improvement Bonds, Nos. 1 to 5 dated September 1, 1952, payable September 1, \$7,000.00, 1953 to 1957.

Rate 2½

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
Sept. 1, 1952	\$35,000.00		\$35,000.00
Date Due	Principal	Interest	
Mar. 1, 1953		\$ 393.75	
Sept. 1 1953	\$ 7,000.00	393.75	
Mar. 1, 1954		315.00	
Sept. 1, 1954	7,000.00	315.00	
Mar. 1, 1955		236.25	
Sept. 1, 1955	7,000.00	236.25	
Mar. 1, 1956		157.50	
Sept. 1, 1956	7,000.00	157.50	
Mar. 1, 1957		78.75	
Sept. 1, 1957	7,000.00	78.75	
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	\$ 35,000.00	\$2,362.50	

Report of Auditors for the Year Ending December 31, 1952

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen: We herewith submit our report as auditors for the year ending December 31, 1952.

We certify that we have examined the books and vouchers of the City Clerk and City Treasurer. We find the accounts to agree with orders drawn on the Treasurer, and accounts correctly cast.

We have examined the books of the Tax Collector, Water Department, Superintendent of Forest Glade Cemetery, City Messenger, the Clerk of the Municipal Court, the Trustees of Trust Funds and find all accounts correctly cast and properly vouchered.

We thank the heads of all departments for their cooperation in assisting us in every way possible.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYWARD C. LOGAN,
MARGARET C. O'CONNELL,
City Auditors
Somersworth, N. H.



In late October, 1952, the City had the pleasure of welcoming the President of the United States, Harry S. Truman, who while on a tour of Southeastern New Hampshire deviated from his scheduled itinerary to pay a personal visit to Somersworth's ex-U. S. Senator, the Honorable Fred H. Brown, who was a colleague and very close friend of President Truman while both were members of the Senate of the United States. On his visit the President was welcomed by thousands of people from Somersworth and neighboring communities.

Valuation

	1952	1951
Real Estate	\$ 5,399,015.00	\$ 5,245,775.00
Electric Plants	746,000.00	867,100.00
Horses (9)	820.00	2,465.00 (22)
Cows (167)	19,320.00	16,930.00 (148)
Other neat stock (3)	345.00	345.00 (3)
Sheep and Goats (3)	40.00	
Hogs (4)	110.00	110.00 (4)
Fowl (3000)	3,130.00	3,175.00 (2750)
Fur Bearing Animals (22)	220.00	
Value of Wood and Lumber	1,415.00	665.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	5,900.00	5,075.00
Value of stock in trade	1,507,865.00	1,532,790.00
Mills, machinery and factories	964,235.00	973,822.00
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	\$ 8,648,415.00	\$ 8,648,252.00
Soldiers' exemptions	355,140.00	334,350.00
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Net Valuation	\$ 8,293,275.00	\$ 8,313,902.00
Somersworth National Bank		
811 shares	811.00	801.00 (801)
Somersworth First National Bank		
777 shares	777.00	777.00 (777)
Rochester First National Bank		
25 shares	6.25	6.25 (25)

Appropriations

	1952	1951
Sewer and Sidewalk Bonds	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Interest on Bonds	1,011.25	1,201.25
Town Road Aid	416.42	416.48
Cemetery	5,782.00	5,782.00
Fire Department	8,500.00	8,988.00
Highway	40,000.00	36,000.00
Hydrants	4,000.00	4,000.00
Library	4,200.00	4,100.00
Macadam	2,000.00	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,250.00	2,100.00
Municipal Building	1,800.00	1,850.00
District Nursing Service	1,000.00	1,000.00
Parks and Playgrounds	2,800.00	2,800.00
Interest—Notes Payable	3,573.88	2,158.89
Police	30,560.00	28,810.22
Printing	3,000.00	1,900.00
Repairs Public Buildings	600.00	1,000.00
Salaries	32,500.00	30,339.46
Schools	117,521.53	111,526.32
Street Lights	11,500.00	11,310.00
Welfare and Relief	16,000.00	16,000.00
County Tax	37,674.82	34,966.60
Memorial Day	600.00	600.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,200.00	1,700.00
Seacoast Region Membership	100.00	100.00
Zoning and Planning	500.00	500.00
Social Security	1,300.00	500.00
Main St. Re-Construction	2,500.00	2,200.00
Spraying	350.00	
Garbage Truck	9,597.00	
Chevrolet Truck	2,468.34	
Pleasant Street House		1,000.00
Band Concerts		450.00
Street Sweeper		9,940.00
1950 Overdraft		8,047.08
Total Appropriation	\$ 355,305.24	\$ 346,286.30
Amount to be raised by Taxation	306,851.18	301,438.96
Total Valuation	\$8,293,275.00	\$8,313,902.00



In January, 1952, the City Council voted the purchase of a modern Snow removal piece of equipment at a cost of \$12,917.38. This equipment called the Sno-Go is of the most modern type and operates under a blower system. It has already proved its efficiency.

Departmental Expenditures

BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD

Salaries	\$	424.95
Police		187.20
Water Works		78.09
Highway		280.90
Library		27.30
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	\$	998.35
Outstanding Checks		83.95
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	\$	914.40
City Treasurer		914.40
Transferred from City Treasury		914.40

BONDS

Sewer Bonds	\$	7,000.00
Sidewalk Bonds		3,000.00
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	\$	10,000.00
City Treasurer		10,000.00
By Appropriation		10,000.00

CEMETERY

Supt's. Salary (Gross)	\$	1,262.80	
Labor (Gross)		4,801.50	
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	\$	6,064.30	\$ 6,064.30
Deductions:			
Withholding	\$	388.00	
F. I. C. A.		89.52	
		<hr/>	477.52
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Net Salaries and Labor	\$	5,586.78	
Supplies		1,117.30	
Dressing		32.00	
Seed		31.60	
Turf Builder		19.63	

Plants and Shrubs	349.31		
Repairs	236.31		
	<hr/>	1,786.15	1,786.15
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		\$ 7,372.93	\$ 7,850.45
Outstanding Check		12.00	
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		\$ 7,360.93	
City Treasurer		7,360.93	
Transferred to City Treasury			808.26
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			\$ 8,658.71
Cemetery Trust Funds Income		1,638.68	
Cemetery Income		1,238.03	
By Appropriation		5,782.00	
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			\$ 8,658.71

CHANDLER BUILDING

Fuel	\$	509.61		
Lights		15.06		
Water		14.40		
Supplies		3.50		
Insurance		217.72		
Repairs		22.32		
		<hr/>	\$	782.61
Outstanding Checks				3.99
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				778.62
City Treasurer				778.62
By receipts				540.00
Transferred from City Treasury				242.62
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			\$	782.62

CITY HALL

Supplies	\$.65	
Water		17.74	
Insurance		305.00	
	\$	323.39	
City Treasurer		323.39	
By receipts			3,120.00
Transferred to City Treasury			2,796.61
	\$	323.39	

CIVIL DEFENSE

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$	21.50
Outstanding	\$	21.50

CHEVROLET TRUCK

Emerson Chevrolet Co., Inc.	\$	2,468.34
City Treasurer		2,468.34
By Appropriation	\$	2,468.34

COURT LITIGATIONS

Appeal Bond	\$	10.00
Printing briefs		21.50
	\$	31.50
City Treasurer		31.50
Transferred from City Treasury	\$	31.50

COUNTY TAX

Treasurer, Strafford County, 1952 County Tax	\$	37,674.82
City Treasurer		37,674.82
By Appropriation	\$	37,674.82

DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION

District Nursing Association		
% Omer T. DeRoy, Treasurer	\$	1,000.00
City Treasurer		1,000.00
By Appropriation	\$	1,000.00

F. I. C. A.

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$	2,161.23
City Treasurer		2,161.23
Transferred from City Treasury	\$	2,161.23

FIRE

Firemen's Semi-annual payroll	\$	4,640.00
Assistant Drivers		411.60
Maint. Fire Alarm System		200.00
Labor		181.28
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Gross	\$	5,432.88
	\$	5,432.83

Deductions:

F. I. C. A.

81.04

		<u>\$</u>	5,351.84
Gas	\$	128.52	
Telephone		232.05	
Lights		299.70	
Fuel		508.76	
Supplies		673.38	
Truck Rep. & Maint.		302.47	
Insurance		435.28	
Equipment		263.93	
Miscellaneous		48.10	
Fire Alarm repairs		126.74	
Water		28.80	
Repairs		137.68	
		<u>3,185.41</u>	3,185.41
		<u>\$</u>	8,537.25
Outstanding checks			<u>104.16</u>
		<u>\$</u>	8,433.09
City Treasurer			8,433.09
Refund—State of New Hampshire			27.41
By Appropriation			8,500.00
Transferred from City Treasury			90.88
		<u>\$</u>	8,618.29

GARBAGE TRUCK

Strafford Motor Sales	\$	9,597.00
City Treasurer		9,597.00
By Appropriation	\$	9,597.00

HIGHWAY

Labor (Gross)	\$	30,814.40	\$	30,814.40
Deductions:				
Withholding	\$	1,733.70		
Blue Cross		219.50		
F. I. C. A.		454.06		
Total Deductions		<u>2,407.26</u>		
		<u>\$</u>		28,407.14

Truck Maintenance	1,939.27		
Supplies and Equipment	3,900.69		
Repairs	802.64		
Fuel	661.34		
Lights and Telephone	343.26		
Gas and Oil	4,544.93		
Insurance	517.22		
Crushed Stone	491.15		
Freight	94.89		
Miscellaneous	79.24		
Tarvia	712.41		
Water	25.20		
Salt	466.73		
Parts	874.85		
	<hr/>	15,453.82	15,453.82
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		43,860.96	
Outstanding checks		174.89	
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		43,686.07	
City Treasurer		43,686.07	
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Total (Gross)			\$ 46,268.22
By Appropriation	\$ 40,000.00		
Rent—High St. Garage	108.00		
Transferred from City Treasury	6,160.22		
	<hr/>		\$ 46,268.22

HEAD TAX

State Treasurer, 1951 Head Tax	\$ 19,018.87
State Treasurer, 1952 Head Tax	9,961.50
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	\$ 28,980.37
City Treasurer	28,980.37
Transferred from City Treasury	\$ 28,980.37

HYDRANTS

Somersworth Water Works	\$ 4,000.00
City Treasurer	4,000.00
By Appropriation	\$ 4,000.00

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Sno-Go	\$ 12,917.38
City Treasurer	12,917.38
By Special Appropriation	\$ 12,917.38

IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Labor (Gross)	\$ 376.00	\$ 376.00
Deductions:		
Withholding	\$ 60.80	
F. I. C. A.	5.67	
	\$ 66.47	
Labor (Net)		309.53
Schools	\$ 17,271.97	
Tennis Courts	4,500.00	
Noble Pines	365.63	
City Barn	771.30	
Sand Spreader	394.00	
City Hall Office	646.92	
Cutting & Trimming Trees	780.00	
Rep. Roads & Sidewalks	5,106.96	
Municipal Building	142.00	
Rep. Ward 3 Ward House	1,557.96	
Land for City Dump	500.00	
Fence for City Dump	931.00	
	32,967.74	32,967.74
	\$ 33,277.27	\$ 33,343.74
City Treasurer	33,277.27	
Unexpended Bal.		1,656.26
		\$ 35,000.00
Bond Issue		\$ 35,000.00

INTEREST

Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 3,893.10
Sewer and Sidewalk Bonds	637.50
	\$ 4,530.60
City Treasurer	\$ 4,530.60
By Appropriation—Notes Payable	\$ 3,573.88
By Appropriation—Bonds	1,011.25
	\$ 4,585.13

Transferred to City Treasury	54.53	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,530.60

LIBRARY

Librarian	\$ 2,420.00	
Clerk and Janitor	378.25	
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Total Salaries (Gross)	\$ 2,798.25	\$ 2,798.25
Deductions:		
Withholding	\$ 201.70	
Blue Cross & Shield	25.20	
F. I. C. A.	42.08	
Total Deductions	<hr/>	268.98
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Total Net Salaries	\$ 2,529.27	
Books	941.68	
Supplies	50.37	
Lights and Telephone	148.91	
Repairs	4.00	
Binding	69.80	
Magazines	111.70	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,326.46
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	\$ 3,855.73	4,124.71
Outstanding Checks	294.51	
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	\$ 3,561.22	
City Treasurer	3,561.22	
Transferred to City Treasury		105.51
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		\$ 4,230.22
By Appropriation	4,200.00	
½ Chandler Fund Income	30.22	
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		\$ 4,230.22

MAIN STREET CONSTRUCTION

City's Share	\$ 52,500.00
Engineer	476.44
Land	4,001.00
Repairs—Fire Alarm	30.40

Laying out and marking parking area	181.52	
Painting parking signs	10.00	
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	\$ 57,199.36	
Outstanding Checks	50,010.00	
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	\$ 7,189.36	
City Treasurer	7,189.36	
Reimbursement State of N. H.		\$ 5,721.04
Bond Issue		55,000.00
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Total expenditures		60,721.04
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		57,199.36
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Unexpended balance		\$ 3,521.68

MACADAM

The Barrett Division		\$ 1,192.50
City Treasurer		1,192.50
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,192.50	
Transferred to City Treasury	832.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,025.00
By Appropriation	2,000.00	
Macadam Refund	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,025.00

MEMORIAL DAY

American Legion Post No. 69		\$ 450.00
Veterans of Foreign Wars		150.00
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		\$ 600.00
City Treasurer		600.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor	\$ 152.38
City Clerk	294.31
Tax Collector	205.73
Assessors	378.70
Bonds	224.00
Miscellaneous	14.16
Hall Rental (Am. Legion)	624.00

Elections	635.89			
	<hr/>	\$	2,529.17	\$ 2,529.17
Outstanding Checks			15.93	
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			2,513.24	
City Treasurer		\$	2,513.24	
By Appropriation		\$	2,250.00	
Transferred from City Treasury			279.17	
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		\$		2,529.17

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Fuel	\$	749.55		
Lights		309.43		
Supplies		309.42		
Telephone		432.40		
Repairs		20.43		
Insurance		193.00		
Miscellaneous		16.44		
Water		6.50		
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	\$	2,037.17		
Outstanding Checks		23.78		
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	\$	2,013.39		
City Treasurer	\$	2,013.39		
By Appropriation			\$	1,800.00
Transferred from City Treasury				237.17
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	\$			2,037.17

MUNICIPAL REAL ESTATE

Insurance	\$	32.70		
Water		13.00		
Register of Deeds		9.90		
Land		800.00		
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	\$	855.60		
City Treasurer		855.60		
By Special Appropriation for Land			\$	800.00
Transferred from City Treasury				55.60
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	\$			855.60

NOTES PAYABLE

Tax Anticipation Notes		\$ 274,000.00
City Treasurer		274,000.00
Transferred from City Treasury		274,000.00

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Labor (Gross)	\$	1,846.05	\$	1,846.05
Deductions:				
Withholding	\$	121.10		
F. I. C. A.		27.84		
Total Deductions		<u>148.94</u>		
Labor (Net)				<u>1,697.11</u>
Noble Pines		811.76		
Sit-In-Park		2.80		
Athletic Field		5.75		
Municipal Grove		28.70		
		<u>849.01</u>		<u>849.01</u>
	\$	2,546.12	\$	2,695.06
Outstanding Checks		<u>9.01</u>		
	\$	2,537.11		
City Treasurer	\$	2,537.11		
By Appropriation		2,800.00		
Transferred to City Treasury		104.94		
		<u>2,695.06</u>	\$	2,695.06

PLEASANT STREET PROPERTY

½ of building at 7 Pleasant St.		\$	1,000.00
City Treasurer			1,000.00
Amount expended	\$	1,000.00	
Rent—Pleasant St. Property		130.00	
		<u>870.00</u>	
Transferred from City Treasury		870.00	

POLICE

Salaries (Gross)	\$	27,978.67	\$	27,978.67
Deductions:				
Retirement	\$	288.00		

Withholding	2,130.00		
Blue Cross & Shield	172.80		
F. I. C. A.	21.59		
Total Deductions	<u> </u>	2,612.39	
Salaries (Net)		\$ 25,366.28	
N. H. Police Ret. Board			
(Payroll deductions)	288.00		288.00
			<u> </u>
			\$ 27,690.67

N. H. Police Ret. Board			
(City's Share)	681.64		
Telephone	1,320.45		
Lights	262.62		
Auto Hire	270.00		
Supplies	313.33		
Miscellaneous	2.60		
Repairs to Traffic Lights	457.38		
	<u> </u>	3,596.02	3,596.02

	\$ 28,962.30	\$ 31,286.69
Outstanding Checks	109.14	

	\$ 28,853.16	
City Treasurer	\$ 28,853.16	
By Appropriation	30,560.00	
Telephone Refund	62.10	
Transferred from City Treasury	664.59	
	<u> </u>	\$ 31,286.69

PRINTING

City Clerk	\$ 97.97	
Mayor	95.00	
Tax Collector	75.40	
Assessors	3.00	
Supervisors	955.94	
Total	\$ 1,227.31	\$ 1,227.31
City Treasurer	1,227.31	
Transferred to City Treasury		1,772.69
		<u> </u>
		\$ 3,000.00
By Appropriation		\$ 3,000.00

REPAIRS TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Supplies	\$	2.09
City Treasurer		2.09
Transferred from City Treasury		2.09

SALARIES

Salaries (Gross)

Mayor, City Clerk, Tax Collector, Street Comm., Overseer of the Poor, City Messenger, Fire Apparatus Driver, and Office Clerks	\$	24,550.02	
Quarterly Salaries		6,076.70	
Supervisors		927.00	
Auditors		150.00	
Drawing Jurors		8.50	
Election Returns		10.00	
Election Salaries		1,050.90	
Total Salaries (Gross)	\$	32,773.12	\$ 32,773.12

Deductions:

Withholding	\$	2,461.33	
Blue Cross & Shield		367.50	
F. I. C. A.		457.05	
Total Deductions		3,285.88	

Total Salaries (Net)	29,487.24
Outstanding Checks	912.25

	\$	28,574.99	
City Treasurer	\$	28,574.99	
By Appropriation		32,500.00	
Transferred from City Treasury		273.12	
	\$	32,773.12	

SCHOOLS

Teachers	\$	74,475.90
Janitors		7,764.13
School Nurse		2,510.00
Truant Officer		150.00
Retired Teachers		485.88
Clerks and District Officers		1,276.43

Special Instruction		384.00	
Enumeration		243.60	
School Lunch Help		2,476.72	
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Salaries (Gross)		\$ 89,766.66	\$ 89,766.66
Deductions:			
Withholding	\$ 10,116.16		
Retirement	4,777.05		
Blue Cross	550.20		
F. I. C. A.	156.46		
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		\$ 15,599.87	
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		74,166.79	
Superintendent's Salary			
(local)	2,162.63		
Tax for State-wide			
Supervision	1,202.00		
Supplies and Expenses	2,812.19		
Books and other instruc-			
tional aids	2,321.16		
Scholars' Supplies	3,172.98		
Fuel	6,120.63		
Water, Light, Supplies			
and Expenses	3,402.21		
Repairs and Replace-			
ments	1,287.91		
Health Supervision	92.86		
Transportation	7,700.00		
Special Activities	4,640.54		
Retirement	4,438.72		
Insurance	1,476.00		
New Equipment	2,159.03		
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		\$ 42,988.86	
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		132,755.52	
Outstanding Checks		233.66	
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		132,521.86	
City Treasurer		132,521.86	
By Appropriation	\$ 117,521.53		
Reimbursement—School Lunch	3,399.84		
Tuition	115.00		

Exp. of Administration	315.93	
Dog Licenses	242.00	
Federal Funds—State Board Education	2,056.88	
Federal Aid (Bill 874)	3,615.97	
One-half Chandler Fund Income	30.23	
School Department Receipts	1,233.33	
Transferred from City Treasury	4,224.81	
	<hr/>	\$ 132,755.52

STREET LIGHTS

Public Service Co. of N. H.		\$ 12,011.99
City Treasurer		12,011.99
By Appropriation	\$ 11,500.00	
Transferred from City Treasury	511.99	
	<hr/>	\$ 12,011.99

SEACOAST REGION

Seacoast Regional Development Association	\$	100.00
Outstanding Check		100.00
By Appropriation		100.00

TAX SALES

Joseph F. McKeon	\$	369.23
City Treasurer		369.23
Transferred from City Treasury		369.23

TOWN ROAD AID

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$	416.42
City Treasurer		416.42
By Appropriation		416.42

TREE SPRAYING

Ridge Farm Nursery	\$	350.00
City Treasurer		350.00
By Appropriation		350.00

WATER WORKS

Superintendent's Salary	\$	2,720.00
Engineer's Salary		3,403.80

Commissioners' Salaries	650.00		
Labor	2,672.50		
Total Salaries (Gross)	\$ 9,446.30	\$ 9,446.30	
Deductions:			
Withholding	\$ 397.38		
Blue Cross	72.00		
F. I. C. A.	140.01		
		609.39	
Salaries (Net)	\$ 8,836.91		
Bonds (Water Works)	10,000.00		
Int. on W. W. Bonds	1,085.00		
Supplies	3,619.28		
Power and Lights	4,507.94		
Telephone	366.88		
Truck Maintenance	59.10		
Pump	1,270.32		
Repairs	869.08		
Fuel	588.77		
Insurance	213.24		
Truck	975.00		
Freight	74.52		
Miscellaneous	262.81		
		\$ 23,891.94	23,891.94
		32,728.85	33,338.24
Outstanding		32.17	
		\$ 32,696.68	
City Treasurer		32,696.68	
Transferred to City Treasury			12,306.82
		\$ 45,645.06	
Water Works Receipts			45,645.06

WATER WORKS SPECIAL

Labor	\$ 1,153.90
Contractor	33,707.47
Valves and Fittings	5,843.80
Water Supplies	2,357.77

Pipe	27,057.82	
Engineer	1,410.56	
Hydrants	3,719.16	
Freight	76.37	
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	\$ 75,326.85	
Outstanding Checks	58,228.52	
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	\$ 17,098.33	
City Treasurer	17,098.33	
Water Works Bond Issue		\$ 100,000.00
Amount expended		75,326.85
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Unexpended balance		\$ 24,673.15

WATER WORKS, SEWER and SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION
FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1952

Sale of Bonds	\$ 100,000.00
Accrued Interest	312.50
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	\$ 100,312.50

Water Works Constructions and Extensions

Expenditures, 1949	\$ 44,201.41	
Expenditures, 1950	8,483.30	
Expenditures, 1951	315.29	
	<hr/>	\$ 53,000.00
Amount allocated to Water		
Works Construction	\$ 53,000.00	

Sidewalk Construction

Expenditures, 1949	\$ 2,047.37	
Expenditures, 1950	5,868.80	
Expenditures, 1951	924.40	
Total Sidewalk Expen-		
ditures	<hr/>	\$ 8,840.57
Unexpended Balance 12/31/52	1,159.43	
	<hr/>	\$ 10,000.00
Amount allocated to Sidewalk		\$ 10,000.00

Sewer Construction

Expenditures, 1949	\$ 21,887.81
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Expenditures, 1950	10,230.85	
Expenditures, 1951	498.77	
Expenditures, 1952	3,407.34	
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Total expenditures		
12/31/52	\$ 36,024.77	
Unexpended Balance		
12/31/52	975.23	
	<hr/>	\$ 37,000.00
Amount allocated to Sewer Const.	37,000.00	
Total Bond Issue	\$ 100,000.00	
Accrued Interest on Sale of Bonds	312.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 100,312.50
Interest paid on Bonds from		
accrued interest	312.50	
Total expenditures 12/31/52	\$ 97,865.34	
	<hr/>	98,177.84
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		\$ 2,134.66
Uncashed check No. 6504		2,815.02
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		\$ 4,949.68
Unexpended Balance Sidewalk		
Construction 12/31/52	\$ 1,159.43	
Unexpended Balance Sewer		
Construction 12/31/52	975.23	
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	\$ 2,134.66	
Uncashed check No. 6504	2,815.02	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,949.68
Balance in Somersworth Nat'l. Bank		\$ 4,949.68

WELFARE AND RELIEF

Old Age Assistance	\$ 5,220.03
Groceries	1,517.70
Board and Care	5,106.78
Rent	424.55
Fuel	265.60
Medical	1,392.54
Office Expenses	214.20

Clothing	72.15	
Soldiers Aid	525.40	
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	\$ 14,738.95	\$ 14,738.95
Outstanding Checks	34.40	
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	\$ 14,704.55	
City Treasurer, Welfare and Relief	\$ 14,179.15	
City Treasurer, Soldiers Aid	525.40	
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	\$ 14,704.55	
By Appropriation	\$ 16,000.00	
Refund, Probation Department	940.00	
Refund, Child Welfare	39.00	
Refund, Direct Relief	75.85	
Refund, Old Age	83.49	
Refund, Board and Care	30.00	
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	\$ 17,168.34	
Transferred to City Treas.	2,429.39	
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		\$ 14,738.95

WITHHOLDING TAXES

Collector of Internal Revenue	\$ 7,880.50
City Treasurer	\$ 7,880.50
Transferred from City Treasury	\$ 7,880.50

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

William G. Ball Agency	\$ 879.17
City Treasurer	\$ 879.17
By Appropriation	\$ 1,200.00
Transferred to City Treasury	320.83
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	\$ 879.17

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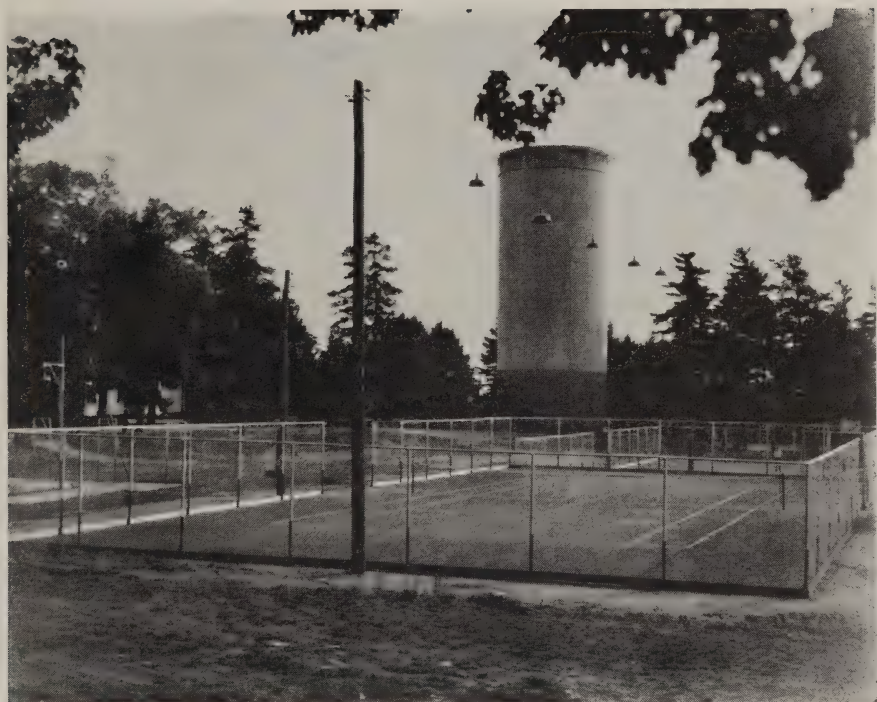
Salaries (Gross)	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
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Deductions:

Withholding	\$	4.00	
F. I. C. A.		6.00	
Total Deductions		<hr/>	10.00
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	\$	390.00	
City Treasurer	\$	390.00	
By Appropriation			\$ 500.00
Transferred to City Treasury			100.00
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			\$ 400.00



Two new tennis courts were constructed at the Noble Pines and Playgrounds at a cost of \$2,250.00 each. These courts were constructed by the Badger Rand Co. of Portsmouth, and the material used requires a minimum of upkeep. The courts are in constant use from early Spring until late Fall.



SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT SCHOOL YEAR 1952-53

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Somersworth School Board:

It is with mixed feelings that I submit this my third annual report concerning the administration of your schools. Starting February 2, 1953, I will begin work in Washington under the Point IV Program with the ultimate goal as Educational Specialist in Tehran, Iran. Words cannot express the satisfaction which has been gained by me in working with the people of this community. I will long remember this fine experience.

I hope that you will give Mr. Arthur E. Toll, my successor, such wonderful support.

CHANGES IN THE TEACHING STAFF

The following changes in personnel were necessary due to some teachers retiring or to teachers leaving our school system to enter larger school systems:

High School:

Mr. Dale O'Connell resigned to accept a position at Dover High School. Mr. Robert O'Leary a graduate of Michigan State University was elected to his position. Mr. O'Leary has done an excellent job in carrying on the great work of Mr. O'Connell.

Miss Barbara Boyd resigned just before the opening of school to become an air stewardess and we were fortunate to be able to replace her with Miss Mabel Hayes who has had twenty-eight years of teaching experience in our state.

Elementary Schools:

Mr. Robert Brunelle was elevated to the position of Principal to succeed Mr. Philip Tapply, who joined the faculty of Plymouth Teachers' College. Mr. Brunelle has proven to be one of the most able elementary administrators in the State.

Mr. Henry Reagan replaced Robert Carbonneau as our physical education instructor. Mr. Carbonneau resigned to ac-

cept a position at Spaulding High School in Rochester. Mr. Reagan, in turn, was recalled by our armed forces and Valmore Tanguay, a graduate of St. Bonaventure, was engaged to complete the year.

Mrs. June Dunham, a graduate of Lowell State Teachers' College and Boston University, was engaged to replace Mr. Lester Goodridge who accepted a position in Massachusetts.

Miss Doreen Dunn, a graduate of Bridgewater Teachers' College and with experience in Amherst, Mass. replaced Mrs. Irene Loughlin, who accepted a position in Dover, N. H.

Miss Mary Minehan retired from the teaching profession after many years of honorable service in our public schools. Many of you citizens will well remember her guidance as she helped a countless number of our youth. Mrs. Evelyn Vedeler, a teacher of sixteen years experience, replaced Miss Minehan and has done excellent work.

Due to the ever-increasing enrollment in our schools, it was necessary to add another teacher to the elementary staff. Mrs. Carolyn Gainor, a graduate of Russell Sage College in New York and teaching experience in Schaghticke, N. Y. was engaged to teach in the 7th and 8th grades.

ENROLLMENT TRENDS

For several years it has been predicted that definite increases in enrollment were due. This increased number of children is beginning to cause serious problems in housing, equipment, and teachers. The Burleigh School is entirely inadequate from every viewpoint; the Chandler and High Schools are overcrowded; and still the citizens have refused to face the issue squarely. Next year it will be necessary to convert part of the basement at the Chandler School into a classroom. This condition will be far from ideal and will mean another sub-standard classroom added to several existing ones. Poor schools certainly do not attract new citizens or business to our community and it is only a question of time before your better teachers will avoid this community.

The following are the enrollment statistics for the present school year:

BURLEIGH SCHOOL

Grade 1	42
Grade 2	36
Grade 3	34
Grade 4	50
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	162

CHANDLER SCHOOL

Grade 5	36
Grade 6	41
Grade 7	37
Grade 8	42
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	156

HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 9	85
Grade 10	70
Grade 11	58
Grade 12	59
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	272

SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL CENSUS

as of Sept. 1, 1952

Ages	Total	Boys	Girls
Less than 1	173	90	83
1	155	76	79
2	181	88	93
3	158	95	63
4	204	108	96
5	163	84	79
6	130	71	59
7	115	60	55
8	139	61	78
9	135	71	64
10	126	66	60
11	121	63	58
12	104	57	47
13	128	68	60
14	105	49	56
15	99	52	47
16	103	52	51
17	92	56	36
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FEDERAL AID

Public Law 874 has been amended by the present Congress to make New Hampshire towns and cities eligible for Federal Aid. Formal application has been made to the Federal Government for Somersworth and has been approved. At present we have eighty pupils in our public schools whose parents are employed at the Portsmouth Navy Yard. This should mean approximately \$8000.00 which we will receive from the U. S. Government during the present school year. If in the future, a number of parents are employed at the Newington Air Base we might qualify for additional sums of money.

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL FACILITIES

Extensive studies have been made by competent citizens, the public has been polled with the majority in favor of a building program, a number of civic groups have gone on record as favoring adequate school facilities, the vital questions discussed pro and con, and still nothing positive has been acted upon. A new high school-city auditorium would benefit grade school children as much as the pupils of the upper grades. The present Chandler School would house grades one to four; the present high school would house grades five to eight; and the new high school would accommodate grades nine through twelve. In addition Somersworth could accept tuition pupils from surrounding communities at the present tuition rate of approximately \$300. per pupil which should yield in the neighborhood of \$20,000. each year as additional revenue. National groups such as the Association of Manufacturers, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Better Business Bureau all recognize and endorse good school facilities as a must for a progressive community. Their research studies have proven time and again that a community grows in relationship to its school facilities.

Somersworth prides itself as a growing and progressive community and yet, it is shamefully neglecting its schools and civic responsibilities. Parents and citizens who are really interested in the welfare of children have been loathe to speak out. Apparently only a serious calamity such as the collapse of the Burleigh School building will arouse them. Financial conditions of the City of Somersworth are extremely sound and are far better than any other community in the State. The city can easily absorb the cost of a building program. All

we can do is to point out existing conditions but it is up to the citizens to act.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Mayor, School Board, School Personnel, Press, and to the citizens of Somersworth who have given me such able support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. DANIELSON,
Superintendent of Schools

SOMERSWORTH

ADMINISTRATION

	Budget 1952	Expend- itures 1952
Salaries of district officers	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Supt's. salary (local share)	2,362.50	2,162.63
Tax for statewide supervision	1,202.00	1,202.00
Salaries of other admin. personnel	1,659.00	1,723.60
Supplies and expenses	1,500.00	1,173.87
	<hr/> \$ 6,773.50	<hr/> \$ 6,312.10

INSTRUCTION

Teachers' salaries, high	\$ 40,064.00	\$ 39,730.04
Teachers' salaries, elementary	34,100.00	34,954.93
Bks. and other instr. aids, high	1,000.00	1,376.54
Bks. and other instr. aids, elementary	1,000.00	1,018.96
Scholars' supplies, high	1,500.00	2,812.59
Scholars' supplies, elementary	1,000.00	589.38
Supplies and other exp., high	500.00	785.66
Supplies and other exp., elementary	150.00	638.82
	<hr/> \$ 79,314.00	<hr/> \$ 81,906.92

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

Salaries of janitor, high	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,778.98
Salaries of janitor, elementary	4,600.00	4,846.90
Fuel or heat, high	2,000.00	1,821.78
Fuel or heat, elementary	2,400.00	4,298.85
Water, light, supplies and exp, high	1,500.00	1,974.92
Water, light, supplies and exp, elementary	1,000.00	1,429.45
	<hr/> \$ 14,400.00	<hr/> \$ 17,150.88

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

Repairs and replacements, high	\$ 0.00	\$ 303.50
Repairs and replacements, elementary	2,000.00	1,211.33
	<hr/> \$ 2,000.00	<hr/> \$ 1,514.83

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

Health supervision	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,455.19
Transportation	7,500.00	7,700.09
Spec. act. and special funds, high	800.00	83.28
Spec. act. and special funds, elementary	5,800.00	7,301.51
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	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 17,539.98

FIXED CHARGES

Teachers' retirement	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,924.60
Ins., treas. bonds and expense	1,200.00	1,476.09
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	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 6,400.60

CAPITAL OUTLAY

New equipment	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,932.06
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TOTALS

\$ 126,287.50	\$ 132,757.42
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RECEIPTS

National School Lunch	\$ 3,286.84
Federal Aid (Smith-Hughes)	2,047.30
Federal Aid (Bill 874)	3,615.97
Union No. 56	1,332.09
Tuition	335.16

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 10,617.36

Mayors Since The City Was Chartered

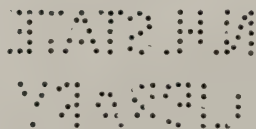
1893-	<i>Franklin N. Chase</i>
1894-1896	<i>Christopher H. Wells</i>
1897-	<i>Benjamin F. Hanson</i>
1898-1900	<i>Arthur J. Seavey</i>
1901-	<i>Haven Doe</i>
1902-1903	<i>John N. Haines</i>
1904-	<i>Freeman A. Hussey</i>
1905-1908	<i>Benjamin F. Hanson</i>
1909-1911	<i>Thomas J. Dougherty</i>
1912-1913	<i>Paul LaBonte</i>
1914-1922	<i>Fred H. Brown</i>
1923-1933	<i>Peter M. Gagne</i>
1934-	<i>Clement P. Roy</i>
1935-1943	<i>Alfred J. Boucher</i>
1944-1944	* <i>Arthur W. Proulx (Jan. 1-June 6)</i>
1944-1945	** <i>Napoleon A. Habel (June 6-Dec.31)</i>
1946-	<i>Romeo St. Laurent</i>

* *Resigned*

** *Unexpired term*

Fire Alarm Boxes

- 5 Depot and Main streets
- 6 Main and Franklin streets
- 12 City Hall
- 13 Main and Spring streets
- 14 Main and Indigo Hill road
- 15 Third street
- 16 New Dam
- 18 General Electric Co.
- 21 Franklin and Green streets
- 23 Myrtle and Green streets
- 24 Tremont and Green streets
- 25 Pleasant and West Green streets
- 26 Franklin and Garden streets
- 31 High and Washington streets
- 32 High and South streets
- 34 Bartlett avenue
- 35 Black Harry Clay
- 36 Central Park
- 41 Highland and Grand streets
- 43 Lincoln street
- 45 Lily Pond road
- 51 Court and Washington streets
- 52 High and Fore streets
- 54 Market street
- 56 Somersworth Shoe
- 62 West High St. and Maple St. Ext.
- 551 From Y to Blue Moon
- 552 From Blue Moon to Hanson's Corner
- 553 Hanson's Corner to Town Line
- Test: 2 blasts, 6 o'clock, P. M., and 12 noon
- 1 blast: Engineers' Call
- 2-2-2 House call
- 4 Out of town and brush fires
- 1-1 No-school signal







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